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ALBION, INDIANA

2008

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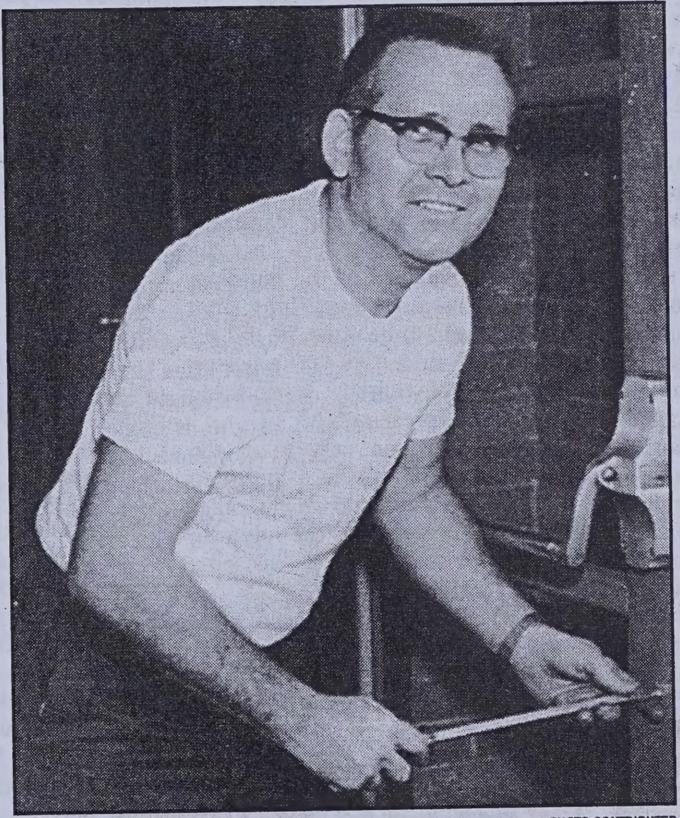
THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 1, 2007, Sunday

A 'Tater' who hated dirt

Custodian kept Avilla School squeaky-clean



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Frank LeRoy "Tater" Anderson locks the doors to Avilla School. Anderson kept the hallways of the Avilla School spotless for generations of students.

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BY DAVE KURTZ
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AVILLA — For decades, the hallways and classrooms at the Avilla School sparkled because Frank LeRoy "Tater" Anderson wouldn't have it any other way.

"He wanted a place to be clean after he left the area — and it was," said Gene Cogan, who was a student, teacher and principal at the school during Mr. Anderson's years as head custodian.

Mr. Anderson died at the age of 94 on May 27, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He began caring for the Avilla School in the early 1930s, only a few years after graduating from LaOtto High School. Cogan was a fifth-grader at the time, and remembers how Anderson would tap on his classroom door to signal that it was time for recess.

When Cogan returned to the school as a teacher and later as a principal, he appreciated Anderson for being "very, very conscientious about his work."

In Cogan's long career in education, he said, Anderson ranked as one of the two best custodians he knew.

In Anderson's view, "It was his school," said Wendell Beck of Avilla, a former teacher at Avilla School.

"He wasn't bashful about getting after kids. He was very sincere about his job," Beck said.

Beck remembers how Anderson took pride in the school's new gymnasium bleachers after they were installed in 1957.

"I'd see him jack them up and scrape the gum off the casters," Beck said.

"On rainy days, he would stand at the door and tell the kids to wipe their feet off" as they entered the school, said the Rev. Dr. Leonard King, who spoke at Anderson's funeral.

"He would stay overnight to make sure the furnaces kept going on winter nights. He was very dedicated to his work, but also very dedicated to his family and church. He kept them in balance," King said.

King serves as pastor at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, where Anderson demonstrated the same kind of devotion to detail that made him a legend at school.

"He was the type of person, especially in the maintenance of the building, if he saw something that needed to be done, he did it," King said. "He was a person who wanted everything clean, presentable."

Anderson served on the board of trustees, building committee, and many other committees at the church, King said. He rarely missed a Sunday service.

Anderson could be stern about keeping the school and church tidy, but he also displayed a good sense of humor, King said.

"He was a very likable guy. He tried to be gruff, but we all knew that he had a soft heart," said Nancy Fischer, who graduated from Avilla High School in 1965 and today serves as the town's clerk-treasurer.

"He was always there to help you out when you needed it at school. He loved the kids," Fischer recalled.

"He was a good man. If they needed something, he'd take care of them," Beck said.

Avilla rewarded Anderson's faithfulness by honoring him as the town's citzen of the year in 1978.

Anderson's loyal nature extended to his marriage of 71 years. His wife, Catherine, died June 20, only 24 days after her husband.

"It was just a relationship that was very, very compatible. Each one of them would support each other," King said of the couple. "You would ask her, 'What makes your marriage last so long?' and she would say, 'He listens to me.'"

King said Mrs. Anderson was "very dedicated to the church. She was just like Roy."

Though King knew Mr. Anderson as "Roy," nearly everyone else called him "Tater."

While his acquaintances can't explain the source of Anderson's fastidious nature, King does know the story behind his nickname.

"Catherine told me that one day, a long time ago when he was in elementary school, he picked up a potato and was throwing it around," King said, "and another classmate from then on called him 'Tater.'"

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 1, 2007, Sunday

Alice Miller

COLUMBIA CITY — Alice L. Miller, 93, of Columbia City died at 12:45 p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2007, at The Oaks Living Center where she had been a resident since June 6.

She had worked as a registered nurse at Whitley Memorial Hospital for 15 years, retiring in 1983. She also volunteered for Visiting Nurse Services & Hospice for five years. She was a member of the Resurrection Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miller

She was born July 8, 1913, in Whitley County to Logan C. and Orpha Hazel (Sheets) Freck. She graduated from Jefferson High School in 1931 and received her nursing degree from Methodist Nursing School in 1934.

On Oct. 26, 1940, she married to Glenn W. Miller in Ferndale, Mich. They made their home in Ferndale, later moving to Columbia City and then to a farm in Green Township, Noble County. They later moved to Albion and then Mission, Texas. Mr. Miller died in 1987, and Mrs. Miller moved to Fort Wayne.

Survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, Alan L. and Cheryle Miller of Columbia City, Dean E. and Fran Miller of Fort Wayne and Dennis E. Miller of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Robert McGuire of Albion; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Velma Murbach of Columbia City.

In addition to her husband, she was also preceded in death by a brother, Garland Freck.

Services will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 204 N. Main St., Columbia City, with Pastor Forrest VanGundy of the Resurrection Lutheran Church officiating. Burial is in Merriam Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Sons Funeral Home and one hour before the funeral at Grace Lutheran Church.

Memorials are to Lutheran Social Services of Fort Wayne or Resurrection Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 2, 2007, Monday

George Meeks

FORT WAYNE — George "Arden" Meeks, 83, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, June 30, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Meeks served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II as a rear tail-gunner on the B-29.

He was a member of Teamsters Local 414 and was a truck driver for Transport Motor Express and Howard Martin before his retirement.

Surviving are Ruth Meeks; three sons, Dennis, David and Daniel; a daughter, Pam Kaluza; grandchildren, Christopher, Jordan, Jason and Kristan; a great-grandson, Arden; a sister, Janice Berry; and a brother, Don Meeks.

A sister, Carolyn Laycock, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Robert Blackburn

BUTLER — Robert E. "Blackie" Blackburn, 77, of Butler died Saturday, June 30, 2007, at his home, surrounded by his family.

Mr. Blackburn retired from the U.S. Army after 20 years of service, having served in the Korean conflict. He also was a truck driver, retired from Levy Co. and Cadillac Asphalt and Pavement.

He was born Feb. 16, 1930, in Gays, Ill., to Guy and Mildred (Wetherell) Blackburn.

He married Linday Smyth on May 6, 1959, in Butler. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Guy Blackburn of Groton, Conn., Sam and Susan Blackburn of Edgerton, Ohio, and Robert L. and Linda Blackburn of Terre Haute; two grandchildren, Megan and Tyler Perry of Edgerton, Ohio; and a brother, Richard Blackburn of Gays, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Eugene Robert.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Cancer Society.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is handling arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional service information.*

Lola McKiddie

ANGOLA — Lola C. McKiddie, 95, of Angola died Thursday, June 28, 2007, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. McKiddie had been a homemaker and a substitute teacher who taught all grades.

She attended Fairview Missionary Church in Angola and was a member of the Breakfast Club.

She was born Feb. 14, 1912, in Detour, Mich., to Aaron and Margaret (Cadarette) Olmstead. She married Alvin McKiddie on Nov. 22, 1939. He died in 1979.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Gladys McKiddie of Brimley, Mich.; a daughter, Barbara Bassett of Angola; two grandchildren and their husbands, Paula and Claude Whiteman and Roxanne and Jim Halvorson; and three great-grandchildren, Aaron Whiteman, Lauren Halvorson and Autumn Halverson.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Hartwell Olmstead, Loyal Olmstead and Ralph Olmstead, and a sister, Thelma Goudreau.

Services are today at 11 a.m. at Fairview Missionary Church, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Pickford, Mich.

Calling will be an hour before the service at the church.

Memorials are to Fairview Missionary Church.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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July 2, 2007, Monday

Zaden Kage

MENDON, Mich. — Zaden Jayde Kage, 6 months, 17 days, died Friday, June 29, 2007, in Mendon, Mich.

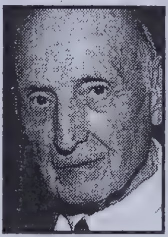
He was born Dec. 12, 2006, in Sturgis, Mich., to Paul Kage and Brenda Padgett, who both survive.

Also surviving are grandparents Margie McClain of LaGrange, J. Don Padgett of Liberty Center and Paul and Barbara Kage of Fremont; great-grandmother Jeannie Wagner of Montpelier; brothers Austin Padgett of Orland and Paul Kage of Mendon; and a sister, Hailie Kage of Mendon.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Zandrea Alexis Padgett-Kage, in 2002.

Services are pending at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

John Brennan



Mr. Brennan

GARRETT — John W. Brennan, 87, of Garrett died Sunday, July 1, 2007, at 12:30 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where he had been a resident since March 2007.

Mr. Brennan was an engineer on the B&O Railroad for 40 years, retiring in 1984. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Garrett post of the American Legion. He volunteered his services with Meals on Wheels and the Garrett Recycling Center.

He attended St. Joseph College in Rensselaer from 1939-1940 and graduated from Indiana University in 1943 with a bachelor of science degree in public business administration. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Panama Canal zone.

Mr. Brennan was born Oct. 5, 1919, in Garrett to Peter R. and Agnes B. (Lauby) Brennan. They preceded him in death.

On Nov. 26, 1948, in Auburn, he married Marjorie A. Kokenge. She died Nov. 29, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carol Sue and Ken Reed of Racine, Wis.; three sons and daughters-in-law, David E. and Darlah Brennan of Auburn, John T. and Teresa Brennan of Springfield, Ohio, and Timothy R. and Darlene Brennan of Roswell, Ga.; a brother, Bernard R. Brennan of Garrett; a sister, Jeanne Meier of Winona, Minn.; six grandchildren; and a stepgrandson.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Gertrude Dalton, Margaret Luttman and Mary Higgins.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett with Father Ted Uwakwe officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery at Auburn, with graveside military services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C R. 56, Garrett, and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church or St. Joseph Catholic School.

Condolences may be sent and an online register book may be signed at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 3, 2007, Tuesday

Audra Owen

CROMWELL — Audra Helen Owen, 92, of Cromwell died at 1 p.m. Monday, July 2, 2007, at the Oaks in Columbia City. Mrs. Owen had been in declining health for more than three years.

She had lived most of her adult life in the Cromwell area and had moved to Columbia City seven years ago.

Mrs. Owen was a production worker for Lyall Electric and Ligonier Rubber.

She loved watching her children and grandchildren play sports and enjoyed fishing and IU basketball.

She was born July 4, 1914, in Noble Township in Noble County to Luther and Martha (Shanabarger) Boggs. She married Ralph Owen on March 20, 1934, in Kimmell. He died May 1, 1974.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Mary Owen of rural Columbia City; a daughter-in-law, Sally Owen of Pendleton; grandchildren, Robb and Tina Owen, Chad Owen, Susan and Jeff Julian, Linda and Tim Lawyer, Terri and Jim Jackson and Rick and Regina Gallmeyer; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Bruce Owen; a brother, Harmon Boggs; and a sister, Joyce Lehner.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the activities department at the Oaks or Heartland Hospice.

Joseph Burnett Jr.

Mr. Burnett Jr.

BUTLER — Joseph A. Burnett Jr., 69, died Sunday, July 1, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Burnett worked for the City of Butler Street Department for 30 years. He served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Canberra.

He was a member of the Butler Eagles, Butler American Legion Post 202 and its color guard and was a huge NASCAR fan. He was a former member of the Butler Fire Department, a former Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop No. 171 and a former coach in the Butler Youth League.

He was born June 14, 1938, in Corinth, N.Y., to Joseph and Mary (Faber) Burnett.

He married Judith Burkmire on June 8, 1962, in Butler, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Tony Joe and Lauri Burnett of Indianapolis; one daughter, Tina Marie Wallar of Elkhart; five grandchildren, Rebecca and Jonathon Burnett, Brandon and Alex Wallar and Chelsi Altman; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mary and Henry Conlin of Teaticket, Mass., Evelyn and Jack Kerr of Thornton, Colo. and Kathy Mayer of Auburn, Neb.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Robert, Norman and Raymond; and two sisters, Emma Burnett and Lynn McNeal.

Services will be Wednesday, July 4, at 10 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery with military honors.

Calling will be today from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Youth League Baseball Building Fund.

To view a video tribute and leave condolences, visit www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Margaret Smolek

LAGRANGE — Margaret J. Smolek, 71, of rural LaGrange died Monday, July 2, 2007, at 7:32 p.m. at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange where she had been a patient since June 30.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 3, 2007, Tuesday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error in information submitted to the newspaper.*

Robert Blackburn

BUTLER — Robert E. "Blackie" Blackburn, 77, of Butler died Saturday at his home, surrounded by his family.

Mr. Blackburn retired from the U.S. army after 20 years of service, having served in the Korean conflict. He also was a truck driver, retired from Levy Co. and Cadillac Asphalt and Pavement.

He was born Feb. ,16, 1930, in Gays, Ill., to Guy and Mildred (Wetherell) Blackburn.

He married Linda Smyth on May 6, 1959, in Butler. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Guy Blackburn of Groton, Conn., Sam and Susan Blackburn of Edgerton, Ohio, and Robert L. and Linda Blackburn of Terre Haute; two grandchildren, Megan and Tyler Perry of Edgerton, Ohio; and a brother, Richard Blackburn of Gays, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Eugene Robert.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Cancer Society.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is handling arrangements.

William Hartman

COLDWATER, Mich. — William F. Hartman, 82, died Monday, July 2, 2007, at Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater, Mich.

Mr. Hartman worked at Weatherhead in Angola for 30 years. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy. He was a former member of Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in rural Ashley and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Coldwater.

He was born March 29, 1925, in DeKalb County to Raymond and Wanda (Tuttle) Hartman. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary Teegardin on Oct. 3, 1953, in the Chapel in the Garden in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Gloria Jean Preston of LaGrange and Cindy Wheeler of Quincy, Mich.; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister, Marjorie Reinoehl of Angola; and a brother, Maynard "Mike" Hartman of Angola.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gary Hartman; a sister, Delores Fee; and a grandson, Tom Strawser.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Branch County Community Health Center.

Flora Beachler

CHURUBUSCO — Flora E. Beachler, 93, of Churubusco and Fort Wayne died at 11:05 a.m. on Sunday, July 1, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett where she had been a resident the past two years.

She had lived in North Manchester as a child and then in Fort Wayne before moving to Churubusco in 1998 to be near her son.

Mrs. Beachler had been employed in the maintenance department at Fort Wayne Community Schools for 15 years, retiring in 1979.

She was born Feb. 4, 1914, in Wabash County to Frederick and Cassie (Metzger) Renicker.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ken and Elizabeth Beachler of Churubusco; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Kathrine and Bill O'Hara of Claypool, Ruby Wolsey of Huffman, Texas, and Jean and Bob Shumaker of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Kirk and Kim Beachler of Fort Wayne and Kathy Collins of Huntington; five stepgrandchildren, Wayne Krider, Darlene and Don Leon and Lisa and David Waterman, all of Churubusco, Donna and Mike Ellis of Edmund, Okla., and Lynda and Eddie Arnold of Columbia City; two great-grandchildren; and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernie Beachler, in 1944; two brothers, Vernie Renicker and Elmer Renicker; and six sisters, Elsie Brubaker, Nora Yoder, Joanne Austin, Lula Hines, Mary Frantz and Floy Renicker.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Old German Baptist Brethren Cemetery in North Manchester with Pastor Tim Grable of Sugar Grove Church of God officiating.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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Betty Taft

CENTERVILLE, Iowa — Betty Joy Taft, 81, of Centerville died Saturday, June 30, 2007, at her home at Continental at St. Joseph in Centerville.

Mrs. Taft had worked part time as a clerk for an insurance company.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Waukon, Iowa.

Mrs. Taft graduated from high school in England.

She was born June 29, 1926, in Beechles Suffox, England, to Stanley and Gertrude (Barber) Maxted. She married Donald Taft on July 5, 1946, in Marion, Ohio. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael David and Janet Taft of University Park, Wash.; a daughter and son-in-law, Sally R. and Clint Christianson of Unionville, Mo.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Stanley Maxted; a sister, Dorothy May Maxted; a grandson; and a niece.

Burial will be at a later date. Memorials are to Legacies Foundation at Mercy Hospital in Centerville.

Schmidt Family Funeral Homes in Centerville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences are to schmidtfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information.*

Bettie Phillips

SEVIERVILLE, Tenn. — Bettie Phillips, 85, of Sevierville, Tenn., formerly of Angola, died Monday, June 25, 2007.

Mrs. Phillips was retired from Cameron Memorial Community Hospital where she had worked for several years.

She was born May 6, 1922, in Hillsdale County, Mich., to Harold and Donelda (Darr) Harring. She married Robert Phillips in June 1942. He died in May, 1960.

Mrs. Phillips

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Bobbye and Galen Champion of Fremont, and Bonnye and Randy Albright of Angola; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Jerry and Jenifer Phillips of Angola, Jon Phillips of Morocco, and Jeff Phillips and Ron and Kay Phillips, all of Sevierville; 13 grandchildren and spouses, Bob and Joellen Presley, Ronye and Tony Gleason, Nikki Vives, Traci and Troy Portner, Kelly and Ray Draper, Rich Hufnagle, Jess and Mike Phillips, Zachary and Robert Phillips, Travis and Sheldon Phillips, and Nick and Trista Molyneux; 16 great-grandchildren; a great-great grandson, Dawson Molyneux; a sister, Rosemary Neer of Hillsdale, Mich.; three nephews; and four nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother.

There are no services.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 4, 2007, Wednesday

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ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 4, 2007, Wednesday

Jessica Elizabeth Arnold Gruenfeldt, infant

WOLCOTTVILLE – Jessica Elizabeth Arnold Gruenfeldt was stillborn Monday, June 25, 2007 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Her parents are Barbara L. Owens and Paul B. Gruenfeldt both of Wolcottville

Also surviving are a sister, Rebecca L. Owens and a brother, Zachary P. Gruenfeldt both of Wolcottville.

Grandmothers, Credy Rissner of Avilla and Martha Arnold of Kendallville.

Five uncles all of Kendallville; Steven Arnold, Ernie Arnold, Kevin Frane, Jeffery Arnold, and Mark Henry.

Four aunts all of Kendallville; Cindy Arnold, Lisa Philpot, Lois Conley, and Katina Smith.

She was preceded in death by two grandfathers; Ernest Ray Arnold and Bernard M. Gruenfeldt and a grandmother, Barbara Ann Gruenfeldt.

Graveside funeral services were at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of the arrangements.

Barbara J. Grable, 75

COLUMBIA CITY – Barbara J. Grable, age 75, of Big Lake, Columbia City, IN died at 6:25 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at Parkview North Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born on October 19, 1931 in Columbia City, IN to John L. and Barbara E. (Spaw) Van Houten.

She graduated with the Class of 1949 from Columbia City High School.

On September 10, 1950, she was united in marriage to Richard D. Grable in Columbia City, IN.

A life time Whitley County resident, she was a devoted wife and mother. Her church affiliation belonged to the Church of God.

Survivors include sons, Rick (Rhonda) Grable of Big Lake, IN and Timothy (Cheri) Grable of Fort Wayne, IN; daughters, Wendy (Roger) Shisler of Ballston Spa, NY, and Lesa (Randy) Corkwell of Valparaiso, IN; 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by brothers, Arvin and Thomas Van Houten, brother-in-law, Robert Grable and sister-in-law, Wanda Rock.

Services were held June 30, 2007 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home. Pastor Tim Grable of Sugar Grove Church of God officiated.

Burial took place at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas, Noble County, IN.

Memorial bequests may be given in memory of Mrs. Grable to Parkview Huntington-Whitley Home Health and Hospice or Sugar Grove Church of God.

To send family condolences, sign the guest register, or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Grable's memory, please visit www.demoney-grimes.com.

The family of Joe Gaff
would like to thank family and
friends for their
generosity and condolences
through this difficult time.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 4, 2007, Wednesday

Mabel Heine, 98

FORT WAYNE – Mabel (Tindall) Heine, 98, died peacefully, Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Born in Van Wert, OH, she was a waitress/cook with Southside Gardens for 20 years, retired in 1993 and was a homemaker.

Survivors include 7 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchilddren and sister, Martha Camp of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Richard P. Heine and Robert F. Dressel; son Donald R. Dressel; daughter, Dorothy A. Hanneman; brothers, Kenneth, Clarence, Doyt and Paul Tindall; sisters, Mary Lockhart, Elfie Oplinger and Alma Brown.

Services were July 2, 2007 at D. O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Burial took place in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Mascular Degeneration Foundation.

Alice L. Miller, 93

COLUMBIA CITY – Alice L. Miller, 93, of Columbia City, died at 12:45 p.m., Saturday, June 30, 2007 at The Oaks Living Center where she had been a resident since June 6th.

She was born July 8, 1913 in Whitley County, Indiana a daughter of Logan C. and Orpha Hazel (Sheets) Freck. She graduated from Jefferson Center High School in 1931 and received her nursing degree from Methodist Nursing School in 1934.

On October 26, 1940 she was united in marriage to Glenn W. Miller in Ferndale, Michigan. They made their home in Ferndale, later moving to Columbia City and then to a farm in Green Township, Whitley County. They later moved to Albion and then Mission, Texas. Mr. Miller died in 1987. Mrs. Miller then returned to the Fort Wayne area.

She served as a registered nurse at Whitley County Memorial Hospital for 15 years, retiring in 1983. She also volunteered for Visiting Nurse Services & Hospice for five years.

Her memberships include Resurrection Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

Surviving relatives include three sons, Alan L. (Cheryle) Miller of Columbia City, Dean E. (Fran) Miller of Fort Wayne and Dennis E. Miller of Churubusco; a daughter, Janet (Robert) McGuire of Albion; 11 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; and a sister, Velma Murbach of Columbia City.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Garland Freck.

Services were held July 3, 2007 at Grace Lutheran Church in Columbia City. Pastor Forrest VanGundy, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church officiated. Burial took place at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Lutheran Social Service of Fort Wayne or Resurrection Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 4, 2007, Wednesday

Viola Davies, 86

MERRIAM — Viola E. Davies, 86, of Merriam died at 9 a.m. Monday, June 25, 2007, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City where she had been a patient since Thursday.

Mrs. Davies was a current resident of The Oaks and had been in declining health.

She spent her formative years in Noble Township and was a graduate of Wolf Lake High School.

As a young woman, Mrs. Davies had lived in Fort Wayne for 10 years and worked at General Electric. She moved to Merriam in 1954 and worked for several years as a cashier at Sears Roebuck at Glenbrook Mall in Fort Wayne, retiring from there in 1989.

She was born Feb. 28, 1921, in Merriam.

Surviving are two sons and daughter-in-law, Duane L. and Kathy Davies and James Davies, all of Merriam; a daughter, Patricia Shull of Merriam; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Davies requested no calling or services.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of arrangements.

Amos Yoder, 84

LAGRANGE — Amos T. Yoder, 84, of Avilla died Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Yoder raised chickens and had lived in Steuben and LaGrange counties most of his life.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Yoder was a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and the LaGrange Moose Lodge.

He was born Oct. 21, 1922, in LaGrange County to Tobias A. and Ada D. (Mast) Yoder. He married Dorothy A. Shipe. She survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two daughters, Ada Marie Yoder of Ashley and Marla Sue Branstetter of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Tara Yoder of Albion; six sisters, Mary Troyer of Plain City, Ohio, Effie Troyer of Goshen, Ida and Lester Beachy and Esther Miller, all of LaGrange, Alice and Ezra Yoder of Stratton, Colo., and Ada Mae Yoder of Bremen; three brothers, Dan Yoder and Clarence Yoder, both of Goshen, and Ernie Yoder of Shipshewana; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a grandson; a great-granddaughter; two sisters, Susie Lehman and Anna Yoder; and three brothers, Ervin Yoder, Raymond Yoder and Levi Yoder.

Services were June 29, 2007 at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. The Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiated. Burial took place at Greenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 4, 2007, Wednesday

Nancy Renkenberger, 60

KENDALLVILLE — Nancy Renkenberger, 60, of Kendallville died unexpectedly on Thursday, June 28, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had owned and operated The Scissor Shack in Kendallville for more than 30 years.

A native of Kendallville, she was a 1965 graduate of Kendallville High School and had attended school in Fort Wayne to become a beautician.

She loved to spend time with her grandchildren in Wisconsin and belonged to a local Pinochle club and book club.

She had been a part of a group of girlfriends called "The Dugans" since her middle school years and for 47 years this group has maintained a friendship.

Nancy enjoyed going to local sports events, attending two Bible study groups and in the past was a supporter of the East Noble Band Boosters.

She was born in Kendallville on June 8, 1947, to Charles Everett and Margaret Florence (Baughman) Leamon.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Denice and Mark Burger of Lake Mills, Wis.; three grandchildren, Kyle, Brett and Ryann Burger all of Lake Mills; her companion, T.J. Hemlinger of LaGrange; four brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Linda Leamon of Kendallville, Thomas and Nancy Leamon of Grand Rapids, Mich., William and Ruby Leamon of Artesia, N.M., and Theodore and Evelyn Butler of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Judith Butler of Kendallville; nieces and nephews; Jennifer Riecke of Avilla, Melissa Leamon of Dunedin, New Zealand, Chuck Leamon of Kendallville; Kelly Leamon, Tom Leamon, Kim Slingeland and Kristin Leamon all of Grand Rapids; Brenda Wiles, Bruce Leamon and Arnie Leamon all of Artesia; Richard Butler of Kendallville, Patrick Butler of Fischers, Annette Buchanan of Leo, and Timothy Butler of Rome City; and numerous great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Robert Butler on May 7, 2006; and a nephew, William Douglas Leamon in 2005.

Services were July 1, 2007 at Hite Funeral Home. Pastor Robert Shriner officiated. Burial took place at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to The Ronald McDonald House or to the donor's choice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Murder suspect won't face death

Defendent would face life without parole; lethal injection still an option for co-defendant

BY BOB BRALEY
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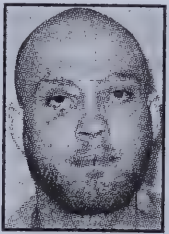
ALBION — The Noble County Prosecutor's Office has filed its intention to seek a sentence of life without parole for one of the co-defendants in a Kendallville murder case, but not the other.

The facts and circumstances of the case mean that defendant Charles W. Chorpenning, 27, of Waterloo should have no possibility of parole, Prosecutor Steven Clouse said this morning.

Clouse filed a notice of intent to seek a sentence of life imprisonment without parole in Chorpenning's case in Noble Superior Court I June 21, according to court records.

No such notice has been filed in the case of Chorpenning's co-defendant, Lionel D. Cox, 22, of Waterloo.

The two are facing murder charges in the March 5 strangulation death of Patrick Biddle in his 665 Berry Lane apartment on Kendallville's west side.


Chorpenning

"The law requires that I provide advance notice," Clouse said. It is still possible that a similar notice will be filed in Cox's case, but Clouse has made no final decision.

A pretrial conference in Cox's case is set for Tuesday in Noble Superior Court I, Clouse said.

Cox Jr.

Clouse said the normal sentence for murder under Indiana law is 45 to 65 years and that Indiana good behavior credit of one day of a sentence removed for each day served applies. Chorpenning and Cox are each young enough that they could be released in 22 1/2 years under that scenario, he said.

But the special circumstances of this case — that the murder was committed during an alleged burglary — make the case eligible either for a sentence of life without parole or the death penalty, Clouse said.

The prosecutor said several circumstances were factors in his decision in Chorpenning's case. Among them were conversations he had with the victim's family and the lengthy wait on death row, which prevents closure for a victim's family, he said.

Also, there is growing skepticism in state and federal appellate courts about death penalty cases, including a committee in Indiana that recommended a moratorium on capital cases, Clouse said.

Whether or not he agrees with such considerations, Clouse said he doesn't think it would be worthwhile to spend hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars on a death penalty case and

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appeal. "I don't think it would be best to have to do a case twice," he said.

A lingering question in the case is which of the two defendants allegedly strangled Biddle. Each accused the other.

"We're fairly confident about what happened in the apartment as far as who did what," Clouse said. He did not offer further details.

Clouse declined to comment on whether his office was seeking to work on a deal with Cox.

Metz man discovered dead

FROM STAFF REPORTS

METZ — An autopsy is being conducted today on a man found lying dead in the front yard of his residence.

The name of the 41-year-old man has not been released by Steuben County Sheriff's Department. No foul play is suspected, said Det. Shari Heffner, who investigated.

There was some silver paint on the man when he was found, but he was not covered in it, said Sheriff Rick Lewis.

Heffner said Steuben County Coroner Rodney Snyder will probably complete the autopsy today. Toxicology tests will take an additional two to three weeks.

Emergency personnel pronounced the man dead after being called to his house Wednesday morning.

The body was taken to St. Joseph hospital in Fort Wayne for the autopsy. The Indiana State Police is assisting with the investigation.

When officials release the name of the man, it will be posted on the Herald-Republican's Web site, at www.heraldrepublicanonline.com.

M. Jean Smolek

ALBION — M. Jean Smolek, 71, of Albion died at 7:32 p.m. Monday, July 2, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange. Mrs. Smolek had been in declining health for the past year.

Mrs. Smolek

Mrs. Smolek had retired after serving 16 years as a secretary in the engineering department at Flint & Walling in Kendallville. She had also held other jobs in the Albion area.

She spent winters in Frostproof, Fla., where she enjoyed playing bingo, reading and playing the piano.

Mrs. Smolek was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion where she was active in the church choir and bell choir.

She was a graduate of Albion-Jefferson High School and was a lifetime area resident.

She was born Oct. 7, 1935, in Albion to Ralph and Marjory (Schutt) Gappinger. She married Ken Smolek on March 9, 1954, at Albion Methodist Church. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Deb and Doug Wilson of Albion, Donita and Jeff Brill of Wolcottville and Denise Smolek and her companion, Brad Bonar, of Albion; a sister, Ann Winebrenner of Albion; five grandsons, Sean Davies, Spencer Wilson, Seth Wilson, Evan Brill and Bryan Noland; two great-grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, John and Jack Gappinger; and a sister, Carolyn Lower.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion with the Rev. Brett Frymier officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery at Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church's Music Department.

J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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Juanita Harrison

BUTLER — Juanita M. Harrison, 58, of Butler died Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

A homemaker, she was born July 17, 1948, in Hammond to Claude and Gladys (Call) Evans. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Ben Harrison of Waterloo, and his fiancee, Vickie; three daughters and sons-in-law, Dawn and Carson Mercer of Butler, Georgia and Heath Rocky of Cromwell and Trudy and Chris Hopkins of Butler; 14 grandchildren; and a brother, William Polk of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Gfeller; two brothers, Kermitt Call and Harold Evans; and a granddaughter, Kerri Jade Hopkins.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley. The Rev. Sam Weimer will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family in care of Ben Harrison, 535 S. Best St., Waterloo, IN 46793.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

Betty Stein

FORT WAYNE — Betty J. Stein, 86, of Fort Wayne died Monday, July 2, 2007, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Stein was a native of Boyne City, Mich.

She was a homemaker and member of Zion Lutheran Church.

Surviving are a stepbrother, Paul J. Rowlison of Kendallville; and several nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin P. Stein; and a brother, Robert Moore.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Zion Lutheran Church, 2313 S. Hanna St. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church.

D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., is in charge of arrangements.

Ronald Mitchell

RALEIGH, N.C. — Ronald N. Mitchell, 74, of Raleigh, N.C., formerly of Indianapolis, died Sunday, July 1, 2007, of lymphoma at Duke Health Raleigh Hospital in Raleigh.

He was a retired electrical engineer.

He graduated from Tri-State College in Angola in 1953.

He was born on Sept. 16, 1932, to Forrest and Nellie Smith Mitchell. He married June Yates on Aug. 29, 1954, in Auburn. She preceded him in death on June 22, 2003.

He is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Velvet and Mitchell Simmons of Atlanta, and Pier Parsey of Indianapolis; two grandsons, Will and Sam Parsey; a sister and a brother-in-law, Margo and Ralph Slick of Lynn; a sister-in-law, Phyllis Yates of Angola; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to research and development of the American Cancer Society.

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Shirley Wallace

KENDALLVILLE — Shirley J. Wallace, 77, of Kendallville died Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Wallace

Mrs. Wallace served as a registered nurse from 1950 until she retired in 1996. She was employed with McCray Memorial Hospital, Lutheran Homes in Kendallville and Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.

She graduated from Wapakoneta High School in 1947 and graduated from nursing school in 1950 at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. She also received a bachelor's degree in religious education from Baptist Bible College in Johnson City, N.Y., in 1955.

She was a member of First Christian Church in Kendallville where she was actively involved with the AWANA program, the church choir and worship team, and weekly Bible study.

Mrs. Wallace also was a member of Smiles Unlimited and involved in clown ministry as "Cheerful" the clown. Mrs. Wallace was also a committee member for Child Evangelism Fellowship in Auburn.

She was born in St. John's, Ohio, on Aug. 20, 1929, to Claude C. and Ilo (Gary) Bailey. She married Keith J. Wallace on Nov. 19, 1955, in Dayton, Ohio, and he preceded her death Oct. 8, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Cynthia and Greg Bristol of Mansfield, Texas, and Sheryl Wallace of Pierceton; a brother, Robert Bailey of Grand Rapids, Ohio; a sister, Iris Bailey of Chapel Hill, N.C.; and four grandsons, Troy, Stephen and Craig Bristol, all from Mansfield, Texas, and Jared Bristol with the U.S. Army, currently serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Christian Church in Kendallville. The Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Clothier and Pastor Robert Farmer wil officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be her grandsons, Troy, Stephen and Craig, and her nephews, Dean and Russell Blackstone.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Memorials are to Child Evangelism Fellowship in Auburn or to the AWANA Program at First Christian Church in Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Dorothy Melchi

ANGOLA — Dorothy Melchi, 90, of Angola died Wednesday, July 4, 2007, at the Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Della Jacobs

LIGONIER — Della Mae Jacobs, 61, of Ligonier died unexpectedly at 12:45 p.m. at Bethesda North Hospital while visiting friends in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
July 5, 2007, Thursday

Coroner: Knapp Lake death was accident

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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KENDALLVILLE — The death of a Knapp Lake woman has been ruled accidental.

EMS personal found the body of Deborah Parkison, 43, at her home on June 1 after receiving a 911 call at 4:45 a.m. from her live-in boyfriend.

Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff said on June 28: "we have nothing to make us believe this was nothing more than an accident."

Gaff said Parkison's death was an "apparent accidental death due to head injury."

Gaff's initial ruling was that blunt force trauma to the head killed Parkison. That is still the cause of death, he said, but the trauma was a result of an accidental fall of some type. The autopsy's preliminary results showed Parkison died of a subdural hematoma — bleeding inside the skull and primarily outside the brain.

Gaff said that if his office receives new information that indicates Parkison's death was not an accident, "then we would re-evaluate the ruling. But right now we have nothing to make us believe this was nothing more than an accident."

The death occurred in a 12-hour period before the body was found, Gaff said.

The Noble County Sheriff's Department conducted an initial investigation and that is now closed, based on Gaff's ruling.

Audra Owen

CROMWELL — Audra Helen Owen, 92, of Cromwell died at 1 p.m. Monday, July 2, 2007, at the Oaks in Columbia City. Mrs. Owen had been in declining health for more than three years.

She had lived most of her adult life in the Cromwell area and had moved to Columbia City seven years ago.

Mrs. Owen was a production worker for Lyall Electric and Ligonier Rubber.

She loved watching her children and grandchildren play sports and enjoyed fishing and IU basketball.

She was born July 4, 1914, in Noble Township in Noble County to Luther and Martha (Shanabarger) Boggs. She married Ralph Owen on March 20, 1934, in Kimmell. He died May 1, 1974.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Mary Owen of rural Columbia City; a daughter-in-law, Sally Owen of Pendleton; grandchildren, Robb and Tina Owen, Chad Owen, Susan and Jeff Julian, Linda and Tim Lawyer, Terri and Jim Jackson and Rick and Regina Gallmeyer; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Bruce Owen; a brother, Harmon Boggs; and a sister, Joyce Lehner.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today, Thursday, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the activities department at the Oaks or Heartland Hospice.

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James Horn

TOPEKA — James E. Horn, 88, of Topeka died Wednesday, July 4, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Horn had lived in the Topeka area since the 1930s. He was a plumber with the Local No. 166 Plumbers Union with Schambaugh & Sons of Fort Wayne.

He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Horn was a member of the Baptist Church in Topeka.

He was born on Feb. 24, 1919, in Pennville to William Russell and Lillian Hazel (Irey) Horn. He married Margaret E. Domer on Feb. 19, 1949, in Wawaka. She survives.

Also surviving are two sisters Charlene and Roger Heintzelman of Cromwell and Martha Wyatt of Howe.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Charles Horn and Joe Horn; and three sisters, Wilma Bentley, Barbara Caple and Beverly Renkenberger.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Gene Troyer officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Harold Wagner

FORT WAYNE — Harold Joseph Wagner, 90, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 4, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Wagner was a native of Fort Wayne and a graduate of South Side High School.

He had been a vice president of Broadview Lumber for more than 50 years.

Mr. Wagner was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville.

He enjoyed woodworking.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Alice Wagner of Angola and Terry and Judi Wagner of Wolcottville; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with the Rev. James Tews officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Messiah Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Juanita Wilson

KENDALLVILLE — Juanita Wilson, 69, of Fort Wayne died at 12:25 a.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at her home with her family by her side.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Doris Cole

AUBURN — Doris Mae Cole, 87, of Panama City Beach, Fla., and formerly of Auburn died Wednesday, July 4, 2007, at her daughter's summer home at Royer Lake, near LaGrange.

Mrs. Cole was the co-owner of The Brown House drive-in restaurant in Auburn from 1950 to 1978.

She was born Dec. 14, 1919, in Auburn to Clarence and Kate (Zerns) Freeman. They preceded her in death.

She married Claude Cole in 1941. He died in 1961.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Claudia and James Morr of Panama City Beach, Fla., and Susan Cole of Indianapolis; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Sheila Cole of Auburn; a brother, Keith Freeman of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Private family services will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble County Hospice.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

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Della Jacobs

LIGONIER — Della Mae Jacobs, 61, of Ligonier died Wednesday, July 4, 2007, at Bethesda North Hospital near Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Jacobs was in the Cincinnati area visiting family members for a 4th of July celebration.

Mrs. Jacobs had moved to Ligonier in 1971 from the Knott County, Ky., area.

She had worked in assembly at Acadia (now Parker-Hannifin) in Ligonier for more than 20 years.

Mrs. Jacobs was affiliated with the Salem United Baptist Church near Rome City and known as a very religious person.

She was known to have a huge sweet tooth and always had candy with her. She loved gardening and working jigsaw puzzles and loved watching "Days of Our Lives" and the Lifetime TV network.

She was born June 3, 1946, in Hindman, Ky., to Ed and Hazel (Taylor) Beverly. She married Paul Jacobs on July 7, 1973, in West Virginia. He died March 5, 2005.

Surviving are four sons, Ronnie Thomas of Willard, Ohio, Alvin and Amy Thomas of Ligonier, Roger Jacobs and his girlfriend, Carrie Acton, of Columbia City and Shawn Jacobs of Ligonier; two daughters, Teresa and James Williams and Retta and Eric Langley, all of Ligonier; a brother, Andy Beverly of Lexington, Ky.; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two sons, Bobby Ray Thomas and William Mitchell Thomas Jr.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Salem United Baptist Church, S.R. 9, Rome City, with the Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle of Salem United Baptist Church. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery near Topeka.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to Salem United Baptist Church.

J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Barbara Kinsey

PLEASANT LAKE — Barbara J. Kinsey, 77, of Pleasant Lake, died Monday, July 2, 2007.

Arrangements are pending at Siler Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 7, 2007, Saturday

Woman killed in U.S. 20 wreck identified

BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — A woman killed in a Thursday morning crash on U.S. 20 near C.R. 460E was a Hicksville, Ohio, resident.

Deborah Brentner, 39, was traveling east in a 1989 Chevrolet Celebrity, following a semi-tractor trailer at 9:15 a.m. Monty Straw, 63, of Hamilton, was traveling westbound on U.S. 20 near C.R. 460E in his semi-tractor trailer.

Witnesses to the crash said Brentner was driving erratically, and had tried to pass the semi she was following several times, including in a no-passing zone. Brenter's vehicle was in the westbound lane, traveling east, when the collision took place.

Straw was uninjured after the collision. Brentner was killed due to blunt force trauma to the head, and pronounced dead at the scene by the Steuben County Coroner's Office. She was not wearing a seat belt at the time, and alcohol was not believed to be a factor, a sheriff's department report said.

Police closed U.S. 20 for 3 1/2 hours following the crash for investigation. The area where the crash took place is a no-passing zone.

THE NEWS SUN
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Theodore Magnuson

SUN LAKES, Ariz. — Theodore E. "Ted" Magnuson, Jr., 75, of Sun Lakes, Ariz., died Friday, July 6, 2007, in Madison, Wis.

Mr. Magnuson worked for Central Soya for 38 years and served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was a member of Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Chandler, Ariz.

He was an avid sportsman, racquetball, softball and tennis player. He was known as a loving and gentle husband, father and grandfather and had a great sense of humor.

He was born Aug. 6, 1931, in Kendallville to Theodore and Marjorie (Smith) Magnuson Sr. They preceded him in death.

He married Patsy Thomas on Dec. 29, 1956, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Chrisanne and Bruce Noble of Irvine, Calif., and Cynthia and James Hyne of Middleton, Wis.; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Susan Magnuson of Lake Forest, Calif.; five grandchildren: Ashley and Robert Hyne, Breanna Betourne and Nicole and Craig Magnuson; and a brother and sister-in-law, David and Jeanne Magnuson.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mark Magnuson.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Chandler, Ariz.

Memorials are to the Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Chandler.

Gunderson West Funeral & Cremation Centers, 7435 University Ave., Middleton, Wis., is handling arrangements.

Chuck Ringler

ANGOLA — Chuck Ringler, 41, of Angola died Wednesday, July 4, 2007, in Angola.

Mr. Ringler

He was a concrete mason and formerly was a concrete mason with his father's business, Ringler Masonry.

Mr. Ringler enjoyed fishing, deer hunting, mushroom hunting and nature. He also enjoyed golf, and was a member of the Rio Bar Golf Club in Hamilton.

He lived most of his life in the Steuben County area, and was an Angola High School graduate.

On March 7, 1966, in Sturgis, Mich., he was born to Wayne and Bonnie (Halferty) Ringler. His father survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Karil Lee of Angola; two sisters, Rebah Carrick of Rotunda West, Fla., and Linda Baker of Helmer; two brothers, Mike Ringler of Coldwater, Mich., and Randy Ringler of Springfield, Ore.; a stepsister, Dee Sattison of Carmel; and three stepbrothers, Mike Golliff of Angola, Bruce Golliff of Michigan City, and Paul Golliff of Auburn.

His mother preceded him in death in 1997.

Celebration of life services will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 407 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne IN 46802.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Joan Miller

ANGOLA — Joan C. Miller, 72, of Angola died Thursday, July 5, 2007, at St Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miller worked in the Pittsfield Indiana factory in Hamilton.

She gave "People Helping People" concerts at Angola United Methodist Church in the early '90s.

She was born Dec. 19, 1934, in Heston to Clyde and Agnes Gridley. She was married to Kenneth Rudolph and Joseph Miller. Both preceded her in death.

She is survived by a son, Jeffrey Rudolph of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Marvin Lantz of Howe; a sister, Bernice Gablik of Tallahassee, Fla.; and three grandchildren, Rachel, Whitney and Brett.

She is also preceded in death by two sons, Greg and Jerry Rudolph; and a sister, Joyce Dobbs.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Dewey Miller officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery in Pleasant Lake.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, in care of Carolyn Lantz.

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Sandra Tahara

MIDDLEBURY — Sandra L. Tahara, 73, of Middlebury died at 9:12 a.m. Thursday, July 5, 2007, at Our Lady of Peace Hospital, South Bend.

Mrs. Tahara

She had been ill from complications of heart surgery in April.

Mrs. Tahara was a homemaker and worked for 31 years at Jayco Inc.

She lived all her life in Middlebury. She and her husband were the grand marshals for the 1994 Middlebury Festival. She was an avid reader and belonged to the Middlebury Book Club. She also was a member of Pleasant Oaks Mennonite Church.

In Ligonier on Aug. 8, 1933, she was born to Morris and Lois (Hershberger) Buchtel. She married Tom Tahara in Middlebury on May 22, 1954. He preceded her in death on June 4, 2006.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Robin and Michael Miller of Middlebury; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Terry Tahara of Bremen, Tim and Denise Tahara, and Kelley Tahara, all of Elkhart; a sister, Sharon Vogelsang of LaPorte; and seven grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, her parents and a sister, Jelon Kleckner, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Middlebury Church of the Brethren in Middlebury with Pastors Rachel Nofziger-Hartzler and Eugene Bontrager officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Goshen Adult Literacy Program.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Juanita Wilson

KENDALLVILLE — Juanita Wilson, 69, of Kendallville died Friday, July 6, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Wilson

She was employed with King Seeley and retired from Eaton Controls/Siebe, both in Kendallville.

Mrs. Wilson enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and playing games. She loved tending to her flower gardens, and especially enjoyed walking her dog Benji.

On Dec. 15, 1937, in Garrett, Ky., she was born to Commodore and Lula (Sexton) Howard. She married William L. Wilson Sr. on Aug. 21, 1958, in Prestonsburg, Ky. He survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Elonda and Guei Mathias Oula, Sheila and Richard Tucker, Cheri and Stephen Donovan, and Lisa and Richard Etter, all of Kendallville; three sons, a daughter-in-law and a son's companion, Bobby and Lisa Wilson, Howard David Wilson and William Lee Wilson Jr., and his companion Dawn Baker, all of Kendallville; three sisters and a sister's companion, Linda Wright, Vongie Strunk and Willa Jean Smith and her companion Tom Keith, all of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Francis Howard of Michigan; 16 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; an uncle, Carl Sexton Sr. of Kendallville; many nieces and nephews; and three close friends, Marie Coburn Baker, Beverly Albright and Onnie Thomas.

A brother, T.J. Howard, two grandchildren, Ramon and Christina Wilson, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Michael Stanley officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers will be Howard, Bobby and William Wilson Jr., David Etter, Brendon Wilson and Rau Tilson.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to: www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Jarrod Moran Jr.

AUBURN — Infant Jarrod Michael Moran Jr. died following a premature birth on Thursday, July 5, 2007.

He was born Wednesday, July 4, 2007, at Dupont North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his parents, Jarrod Michael Moran and Erin Avery Sack, both of Auburn; his 4-year-old sister Jasmine Moran of Auburn; his 11-month-old brother Austin Sack of Auburn; paternal grandparents, Michael and Debbie Moran of Kendallville; maternal grandparents, Teresa and Jay Trammel of Fort Wayne and William Sack of Fort Wayne; and paternal great-grandparents, Joyce Moran of Noblesville and Garl and Janet Winters of Lebanon, Ind.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier officiating.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Send condolences to Jarrod's parents at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ruth Cutrona

LAGRANGE — Ruth E. Cutrona, 91, of LaGrange died Friday at 7:05 p.m. in the Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Lawrence Sattison

HUDSON — Lawrence "Jiggs" Sattison, 77, of Hudson died Friday, July 6, 2007, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Dorothy Melchi

ANGOLA — Dorothy K. Melchi, 90, of Angola died Wednesday, July 4, 2007, in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

She was a retired inspector at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola, and a Fremont High School graduate. She enjoyed reading, sewing and needlepoint, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

On Aug. 13, 1916, she was born to Harry and Ruth (Faudree) Hull in Auburn. She married Woodrow W. Melchi, who preceded her in death on May 1, 1998.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Donna Melchi of Angola; three grandchildren, James Melchi Jr., Dana Dewey and Dena Williams; and two great-grandchildren, Andrew Snowden and Benjamin Steele.

A private family service will be held. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

There is no calling.

Memorials are the Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

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Motorcycle crash kills St. Joe-area man

BY JIM SHILANDER
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SPENCERVILLE — A DeKalb County man was killed when he was thrown from his motorcycle Saturday morning.

Bryan K. Busche, 42, of the 5600 block of DeKalb C.R. 58 near St. Joe, was traveling northbound on S.R. 1, just north of the Allen County line, when he lost control of his vehicle, a DeKalb County Sheriff's Department report said.

His 1985 Harley-Davidson motorcycle entered the ditch on the west side of the road and he was unable to gain control. Busche was thrown from his bike and landed on the west side of the road. He died at the scene due to internal injuries, police said.

DeKalb Count Police were assisted at the scene by DeKalb EMS, the DeKalb County coroner's office, Allen County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police, Concord Fire and Spencerville Fire.

Woman who died at water park ID'd

SANTA CLAUS (AP) — Police have identified the woman who died after she collapsed into a shallow pool at Holiday World Holiday World and Splashin' Safari theme park as Bonnie D. Hollon of Fort Wayne.

Hollon, 29, was standing on the edge of The Wave pool, where the water is only inches deep, when she collapsed Wednesday morning. Lifeguards pulled her from the water and, along with paramedics, tried to revive her, but she was pronounced dead after being taken to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Indiana State Police waited to notify family members before releasing Hollon's name.

Dubois County Coroner Tony Matthews has said she died of congestive heart failure.He said Hollon was seeing a doctor for problems with bronchitis and asthma. She also had early stage heart disease, said Matthews.

Thomas Moran

SOUTHGATE, Mich. — Thomas L. Moran, 82, of Southgate, Mich., died Friday, July 6, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Moran worked at McLouth Steel in Trenton, Mich., for 32 years. He was a World War II veteran.

He was an avid camper who loved music, football, cards, golf and his family.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen Moran; four sons and daughters-in-law, Bradley and Mary Moran, David and Carrie Moran, Jack and Virginia Moran, and Richard and Celeste Moran; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Max Platt; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Monna Schonscheck and Donna Keeling.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at R.J. Nixon Funeral Home in Wyandotte, Mich. Burial will be in Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock, Mich.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Affinity Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

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Jeff Crooks, Dave Wappes, Martha Crooks, Ruth Wappes, Thelma Beer, the late Roman Beer, Sarah Lane, Jim Lane, Portia Beer and Karl Beer gather for a family event. Roman Beer, who passed away June 14, was very family oriented.

Former mayor helped build parks

BY MICHAEL MARTURELLO
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ANGOLA — Angola's parks system is flourishing today, perhaps in large part due to the efforts of the late Mayor Roman D. Beer.

It was during the 1970s that Beer, who died on June 14, pushed for an expansion of the city's park system, particularly Commons Park. He also was one of the persons responsible for the creation of the Angola Parks Board.

Old barracks used first during World War II and then as married student housing in post-World War II were slated to be razed. There was the possibility of tract housing taking over the land, but Mayor Beer pushed for an expansion of the city's parks system.

"He thought city parks were so important, a place for families to go," said Ruth Wappes, Beer's daughter.

In time, Commons would become Angola's largest park, with an 80-acre expansion to the east that includes a pedestrian trail, more ballfields, a timber frame pavilion and a huge, community-built playground called Friendship Park.

"He was very happy when they built that playground," said Thelma Beer, Mayor Beer's wife of 57 years.

Beer served as mayor of Angola from 1976 to 1983, and on the city council from 1967 to 1973. He owned Punctual Printing, and previously worked at the Steuben Printing Co. He and Thelma also owned the Dairy Queen on North Wayne Street. Mr. Beer was a World War II Navy veteran.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Angola American Legion Post No. 81, VFW Post No. 7205, Angola Moose Lodge No. 1568, Angola Elks Lodge No. 2398 and the Angola Lions Club.

Obviously Mayor Beer was very social, and as Wappes said, he loved being around people. But the people who were most important to him were members of his family, she said.

"He had a very strong family. That was the kind of foundation that led him in his family life and his professional life," Wappes said. "His family was first and foremost with him."

She said Mayor Beer made certain he would spend quality time with all of his children, both individually and in groups. She recalled her father taking each of the children to Notre Dame football games where he held season tickets. He had two tickets so he would take Wappes, Sarah Lane, Martha Crooks and Dr. Karl Beer individually to the games.

She also recalled her father taking her to see the Beatles in Soldier Field in Chicago, a trip she will never forget.

Crooks said family always came first with her father.

"No matter what was going on, if we needed him during the day he would come help, even if it meant working late hours to catch up," she said. "Love of family was always important to him."

Mayor Beer made sure he was home for dinner at 6 p.m., even when he was running two businesses.

"He was a very hard worker," Wappes said, "but he was always home at six o'clock for dinner. That was important. It was family time."

He took to City Hall the values he practiced at home.

"He always tried to be fair, at home

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and as mayor," Wappes said.

Mayor Beer's fondness for the city's parks and their continued development was honored a few years back when the Angola Parks and Recreation Department board decided to dedicate the bandstand stage to him. It was done on the same day he served as grand marshal to the Angola Fourth of July parade. The dedication of the stage was a complete surprise.

"He was just flabbergasted when they named the stage for him," Wappes said. "He just couldn't believe it. He was so proud."

"He was proud of Angola and was happy to be part of it," Thelma said. "He dearly loved Angola."

During the 1970s and early 1980s, when communities were struggling with the need to grow while going through a recession, Beer tried to balance the city's need to expand with trying to attract quality businesses.

"He wanted Angola to be progressive in the right way," Thelma said.

In his later years, Beer was taken care of by Crooks. Regardless of his age or condition, Crooks said he kept his spirits up.

"He always had a good, positive attitude," she said. "He loved life, and loved living here."

Mayor Beer was honored with salutes in full dress colors during his funeral by members of the Angola Police and Fire departments, as well as the color guard from American Legion Post No. 31.

"I was so pleased with the way the city honored him," Thelma said. "I just loved him dearly and miss him so much."

Diana Treesh

LAGRANGE — Diana Rosemary Treesh, 77, of Blackman Lake, Wolcottville, and formerly of Butler, died Friday, July 6, 2007, at 10:21 a.m. at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Treesh had worked at Stanadyne in Garrett.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Butler and the Eagles Lodge in Kendallville.

Mrs. Treesh

She was born Aug. 17, 1929, in Warmister Wilts, England, to Charles and Rosemary Monk. She came to the U.S. from England in 1957 and settled in Butler. She had lived at Blackman Lake since 1987.

She married Richard Treesh in Auburn on July 20, 1978. He died Jan. 30, 1990.

Surviving are three daughters, Gail Lash of Venice, Fla., Kim Tomlinson of Lakeland, Fla., and Lynda Hart of Hicksville, Ohio; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Young Family Funeral Home in Wolcottville, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will in Butler Cemetery in Butler.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Lawrence Sattison

HUDSON — Lawrence "Jiggs" Sattison, 77, of Hudson, formerly of Fremont, died Friday, July 6, 2007, at his home.

He worked at Scott's Foods and Wal-Mart in Angola following his retirement in 1995 from Kraft Foods in Kendallville. He was a U.S Army Veteran.

Mr. Sattison

He was a graduate of Pleasant Lake High School, a member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423 and a member of the Church of Christ. He loved and enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was an Indiana University fan, and enjoyed hummingbirds and attending horse and dog shows.

He was born in Fremont on March 30, 1930, to Milo and Neva (Crooks) Sattison.

He married June C. Kuykendall on April 19, 1958, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Ruth and Kenneth Curtis of Coldwater, Mich., and Linda and Scott Grogg of Hudson; a granddaughter and her spouse, Charity and Greg Chaney; three grandsons and a spouse, Josh and Angel Lomeli, Kelly David Ordway and Shane Ordway; three step-grandchildren, Garrett Curtis, Brandon Grogg, and Cassandra Grogg; two great-grandchildren, Michael Dylan Chaney and Anessa Janette Chaney; a sister, Clara Rheinheimer of Angola; six brothers and five sisters-in-law, Carl and Pat Sattison of Warsaw, Arthur and Della Sattison of Fremont, Don and Sue Sattison of Auburn, Larry and Anna Sattison of Hudson, Milo "Mike" Sattison of Pleasant Lake, and Carey and Diana Sattison of Angola; several nieces, nephews, sisters and brothers-in-law.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Mary Lou and Sue Ann Sattison; three brothers, Clayton "Jack," William "Bill," and Clifton Sattison; a brother-in-law, Bill Rheinheimer; and a sister-in-law, Bertha Sattison.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with Chad Brock officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery in Steuben County. Military committal services will be conducted by Orland American Legion members.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Church of Christ, 407 Townline Road, LaGrange IN 46761.

Condolences may be sent to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Craig Ball

AVILLA — Craig E. Ball, 47, of Avilla, died Thursday, July 5, 2007, at 8:43 p.m. at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. He had been ill since March with a rare case of lymphoma.

Mr. Ball worked at Magnavox (now Raytheon) in Fort Wayne for 18 years and then became a stay-at-home dad.

He had earned a degree from Ivy Tech and did volunteer work for Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett with the marketing and activity departments. He loved to read and learn new things. He also loved to build models of comic books and action heroes and liked to rebuild muscle cars.

He was born in Kendallville on Jan. 13, 1960, to Burnell Ball and Ruth (Striggle) Ball.

He married Connie Rhodes on Aug. 31, 1985, at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. She survives.

He is also survived by his parents, Burnell Ball of Syracuse and Ruth Ball of LaOtto; three sons, Lucas, Cory and Kyle Ball; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sandra and Ron Marshall of Kendallville and Lorna and Gene Schlotterback of Garrett.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with the Rev. David Mix officiating. Burial will be in Swan Cemetery in LaOtto.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct errors and to provide additional information.*

Chuck Ringler

ANGOLA — Chuck Ringler, 41, of Angola died Wednesday, July 4, 2007, in Angola.

He formerly was a concrete mason with his father's business, Ringler Masonry.

Mr. Ringler enjoyed fishing, deer hunting, mushroom hunting and nature. He also enjoyed golf, and was a member of the Rio Bar Golf Club in Hamilton.

Mr. Ringler

He lived most of his life in the Steuben County area, and was an Angola High School graduate.

On March 7, 1966, in Sturgis, Mich., he was born to Wayne and Bonnie (Halferty) Ringler. His father survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Karli Lee of Angola; two sisters, Rebah Carrick of Rotunda West, Fla., and Linda Baker of Helmer; two brothers, Mike Ringler of Coldwater, Mich., and Randy Ringler of Springfield, Ore.; a stepsister, Dee Sattison of Carmel; and three stepbrothers, Mike Golliff of Angola, Bruce Golliff of Michigan City, and Paul Golliff of Auburn.

His mother preceded him in death in 1997.

A private family burial will be held at a later date.

A celebration of his life with calling will be from 2-4 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 407 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne IN 46802.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Ruth Cutrona

LAGRANGE — Ruth E. Cutrona, 91, of LaGrange died at 7:05 p.m. Friday, July 6, 2007.

Mrs. Cutrona had worked for Illinois Bell for more than 30 years. Following the death of her husband, she took over the operation of their business, Park Avenue Metal Finishing in Chicago.

Mrs. Cutrona

She was born April 7, 1916, in Chicago to William and Rose (Hubert) Kemp. She first married Ettore Sartori who preceded her in death. She then married Ralph Cutrona and he also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Paul Caudill of Howe; a son, Robert Sartori of California; a grandson, Paul Caudill of Howe; a granddaughter, Kristine Caudill of Howe; and a great-grandson, Haydn Caudill of Howe.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Richard.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in LaGrange with Father Mark Weaver of St. Joseph's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery in Ontario, Ind.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

David Baker Sr.

HOWE — David L. Baker Sr., 82, of Howe died Sunday, July 8, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Baker had lived in LaGrange County most of his life.

He was a self-employed carpenter.

Mr. Baker was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

He was born Jan. 30, 1925, in Sturgis, Mich., to Jacob F. and Elsie (Kime) Baker. He married Pansy "Pat" Dekay on Nov. 9, 1946, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Shirley and Harold Hall of Howe and Sharon and Morris Smallwood of Orland; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Richard Baker and his companion, Mary Levitz, of White Pigeon, Mich., David L. Jr. and Susan Baker and Dale and Wanda Baker, all of Howe, and James and Suzanne Baker of Orland; three sisters, Bonnie Pelfrey of Battle Creek, Mich., Joyce Holtz of Las Vegas and Louise Norton of White Pigeon, Mich.; a brother, George Baker of New York; 16 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and a brother.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor Dale Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Eagle Cemetery at Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Larry Neeley

KENDALLVILLE — Larry J. Neeley, 64, of Kendallville and formerly of Marshall, Mich., died Thursday, July 5, 2007, after being stricken suddenly while on vacation in Battle Creek, Mich.

Mr. Neeley had been a sales consultant and appraiser for the foundry industry for many years. He had also farmed.

He was a member of the Kendallville Elks and Eagles lodges. He was a former member of the Marshall Moose Lodge No. 676 and the Marshall Jaycees.

Mr. Neeley enjoyed playing golf, camping and boating and watching his grandchildren's sporting events.

He was born July 5, 1943, in Ada, Ohio, to Ray and Mary (Combs) Neeley. He married Mary Lou Williamson on Sept. 22, 1962, in Marshall. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter Ronda Neeley-Mason and Daniel Ellis of Texas; a son, Lyle and Suzi Neeley of Kendallville; his mother, Mary Neeley; a brother, Gary Neeley; two sisters, Fairly Nava and Teresa Wass; and three grandchildren, Matthew and Jackson Neeley and Laurin Mason.

He was preceded in death by his father; two infant grandchildren; a brother, Barry Neeley; and two nephews.

Services will be will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home in Marshall, Mich.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kempffuneralhome.com.

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Nancy Springer

WOLCOTTVILLE — Nancy J. Springer, 69, of Wolcottville died Saturday, July 7, 2007, at her home on Dallas Lake.

Mrs. Springer was a retired school teacher from the East Allen County School District.

She was a member of Topeka United Methodist Church. She was president of the United Methodist Women's Club and served as an organist at the church.

Mrs. Springer

Mrs. Springer was president of the Retired Teachers Association and past president of the Lucille Raines Residence Inc. in Indianapolis.

She was born Aug. 22, 1937, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her mother, Marjorie Lybarger of Monroeville; a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Tina Springer of Noblesville; a daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Mike Christofeno of Goshen; two brothers, Jack Lybarger of North Manchester and Gary Lybarger of Hoagland; a sister, Dee Blackburn of Columbia City; and four grandchildren, Jon, Nick, Maddie and Jack.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Springer; and an infant son, Kent Alan Springer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Dr. Ken Springer ACCESS School Scholarship Fund or the Lucille Raines Residence Inc.

Condolences may be sent online to www.covington-memorial.com.

Neal Trout Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Neal V. Trout Jr., 71, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at Coventry Meadows in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Trout was a truck driver. He was born Sept. 26, 1935, in Muncie to Neal V. Trout Sr. and Bessie A. Valentine. They preceded him in death.

His wife, Norita Marie Brown Trout, died Feb. 1, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter, Shelly Screen of Florida; a son, Todd Trout of Ohio; a sister, Glenna Palmer of Florida; a brother, Phillip Trout of Georgia; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at First Missionary Church, 701 W. Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Dorothy Targgart

WOLCOTTVILLE — Dorothy M. Targgart, 96, of Wolcottville died at 2:20 p.m. Sunday, July 8, 2007, at Chandler House in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Mary Yates

LAGRANGE — Mary E. Yates, 85, of LaGrange died at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 8, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

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Constance Smith

BRONSON, Mich. — Constance "Connie" Jean Smith, 54, of Bronson, Mich., died Saturday, July 7, 2007, at the Community Health Center of Branch County, Coldwater, Mich., following a five-year battle with cancer.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker, and had also worked at the former Doerr Products in Burr Oak, Mich., for several years until the company closed. She then worked a few years at Camshaft Machine in Orland until starting her own business, CT's Clean & Tidy cleaning offices in the Bronson area. She retired in 2002 due to ill health.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, her dogs and cats; doing yard work and her several trips to Las Vegas.

Mrs. Smith was born Feb. 12, 1953, in Coldwater, the daughter of James Gail and Patricia Ann (Waite) Jones. She graduated from Bronson High School in 1971. She married Terry E. Smith on Dec. 14, 1969, in Bronson. He died July 1, 1998.

Surviving are her two daughters and sons-in-law, Shanna and Mike Bercaw of Bronson, and Terrian and Matt Spottek of Union City, Mich.; six grandchildren; her two brothers, James Lee Jones of Bronson and Gene Allen Jones of Coldwater; her stepbrother, Richard King and two stepsisters, Laura Headley and Joyce Green.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson with Pastor Terry Siler of the First Congregational Church officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Calling is from noon until the service.

Memorials may be made to the Cancer Center at CHC.

Condolences may be left at www.kolcz.com.

Thomas Roberts

WAPAKONETA, Ohio — Pastor Thomas "Tom" C. Roberts, 42, of Wapakoneta, Ohio, died at 12:20 p.m. Sunday, July 8, 2007, at his residence following a battle with cancer.

An ordained minister for 16 years, he had been serving St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Wapakoneta. He also served as pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church in Cromwell and St. John's Lutheran Church in Dubois.

A graduate of Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, he was also a graduate of Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. He was a faithful servant of the Lord, and a member of the Wapakoneta Ministerial Association. He enjoyed fishing and was a member of the Auglaize Fish & Game Club.

Mr. Roberts was born Nov. 30, 1964, in Fort Wayne, the son of Marion and LaDonna (Gruber) Roberts. His parents survive in Orland. On Sept. 30, 1989, he married Anita S. Lieser, and she survives in Wapakoneta.

Other survivors include two daughters, Kathy and Rachel, both at home; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Christine Roberts of Fort Wayne; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Cheryl Thomas of Fort Wayne, Lois and Bob Boyster of Fremont, Carol Kesith of Fort Wayne, and Sara and Chris Doehrman of Hudson.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Wapakoneta with Bishop Marcus Lohrman officiating. Burial will be in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, Wapakoneta, and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to a memorial fund established for Mr. Roberts' daughters' education.

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Dorothy Targgart

WOLCOTTVILLE — Dorothy May Targgart, 96, of Kendallville died at 2:20 p.m. Sunday, July 8, 2007, at Chandler House, Kendallville.

Mrs. Targgart

She had lived at Chandler House for one year and in Wolcottville since 1937.

Mrs. Targgart was the owner of Wolcottville Printing from 1937 to 1975.

She was a member of Wolcottville United Methodist Church, Wolcottville Women's Community Club and the American Legion Auxiliary in Rome City.

She was born Nov. 14, 1910, in Benton in Elkhart County to Melvin and Maude (Huff) Hodge. She married Richard Henry Targgart on March 10, 1934, in Rome City. He died Oct. 2, 1989.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Duane and Alta Targgart of Wolcottville; five grandchildren, Alan and Anita Targgart, Todd and Renee Targgart, Brooks and Heidi Targgart, James and Lori Garver and Debra and Bruce Gulley; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Bickley on Oct. 30, 1989; a sister, Helen Grabill; and four brothers, George Hodge, Donald Hodge, Ivan Hodge and Howard Hodge.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, with the Rev. Jack Thomas of Wolcottville United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville. Pallbearers will be Marvin Grabill, Dean Grabill, Dennis Hodge, Gordon Hodge, Howard Hodge and Jim Hodge.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

View a video tribute and send condolences online at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Doris Clark

FORT WAYNE — Doris E. Clark, 74, formerly of Lake James, died Monday, July 9, 2007.

Mrs. Clark had worked at New Haven High School and Lincoln Life Insurance Co. before retiring from I&M Electric Company in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, as well as the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Altar Guild, Bible Study, the Cameron Hospital Auxiliary and the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program.

She was born Sept. 17, 1932, in New Haven to Arthur and Ella (Bruich) Goeglein. She married Eldon G. Clark on Nov. 8, 1953, at Emanuel Lutheran Church in New Haven. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Carla and Rex Flenar, and Denise and Jim Mendenhall, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, Arthur Goeglein of Ingleside, Texas; two sisters, Bertha Fagg of Overland Park, Kan., and Kathleen Johnston of Gold Canyon, Ariz.; six grandchildren, Aaron, Andrew and Leah Flenar and Christopher, Nathan and Troy Mendenhall, all of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Graveside services will be held at Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont at 10 a.m. Thursday. Another service will be held at Peace Lutheran Church at 11 a.m.

Calling will be Wednesday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Anyone wanting to follow the funeral procession should meet at the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to the Peace Lutheran Building Fund, Parkview Home Health and Hospice or the Lake James Lutheran Chapel.

Friends may sign the guestbook at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Bryan Busche

ST. JOE — Bryan L. "S.L.O.B." Busche, 42, of St. Joe died Saturday, July 7, 2007, at 5:42 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Busche was a devoted Teamsters Union truck driver and a member of OOIDA.

He was born Sept. 15, 1964, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Delinda S.; a daughter and son-in-law, Amanda R. and John Woolums of Camp Pendleton, Calif.; a son, Dustin W. Busche of St. Joe; a grandson, Charlie Woolums; his mother, Sondra Busche of Fort Wayne; a sister, Kimberly S. Busche of Fort Wayne; a half sister, Teresa Springer of Spencerville; and a half brother, Mark William Busche of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Busche.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Pastor Ron Collins will officiate. Burial will be in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Delbert Bowman Sr.

SHERMAN, Texas — Delbert H. Bowman Sr., 92, formerly of Rome City, died Sunday, July 8, 2007, at Wilson and Jones Medical Center in Sherman, Texas.

He was retired from the Newnam Dalton Foundry in Kendallville.

He had lived in Rome City until moving to Sherman in 1984.

He was born in South Milford on May 5, 1915, to Delbert and Mary (Emerick) Bowman. He married Vivian Summers on June 11, 1938. She died on June 16, 1990.

He is survived by four sons and three daughters-in-law, Delbert Jr. and Gloria Bowman of Hudson, Larry and Elaine Bowman of Hudson, Rick and Leonia Bowman of Hayward, Calif., and Jimmy Bowman of Colon, Mich.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and David Thiel of Garrett, and Debra and Frank Chavarria of Sherman; 16 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson and at the church one hour before the service.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@bnin.net.

James Webb

Mr. Webb

SUN CITY WEST, Ariz. — James LaMar Webb, 79, of Sun City West, Ariz., died June 13, 2007, following a six-month battle with cancer.

Mr. Webb began his career with the Federal Aviation Administration in 1947. After two years he joined the U.S. Army and served two years in the Korean War as a master sergeant. He then returned to the FAA where he worked in management until his retirement in 1983.

He loved playing golf and traveling in the United States. He especially loved living in Arizona, quickly making many friends and enjoying his life here.

He was born March 21, 1928, in Angola.

He is survived by his wife, Joan "Jo" Webb; his mother, Ethelwyn McElroy of Sun City, Ariz.; three stepsons, Gary Hjulberg of Radonda Beach, Calif., Paul Hjulberg and his wife Lisa of Riverside, Calif., and Alan Hjulberg of Osakis, Minn.; four grandsons, Ian, Gollin, Clayton and Avery Hjulberg; a cousin, Barbara Palicki of Harbor, Ore.; a stepsister Phyllis Mesing, Indianapolis; a stepnephew, Mike McElroy of Angola; and two stepnieces, Becky Stamm of Imperial Beach, Calif., and Liz Sippy of Bolingbrook, Ill.

A memorial service was held June 30 at the Camino del Sol Funeral Chapel.

The family requests donations be made to Hospice of the Valley, 13060 W. Waddell Road, Surprise, AZ 85379.

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Elky Andrews

Mr. Andrews

KOKOMO — Elky Andrews, 81, died Thursday, July 5, 2007, at Windsor Estates Health & Rehab Facility in Kokomo.

Mr. Andrews was born in Newton, Ala. He was a mechanic with Lincoln-Mercury for many years.

Surviving are a son, David Andrews of Angola; three daughters, Debby King of Kokomo, Karen S. Prosser of Leo and Joann Andrews Thompson of Garrett; five brothers, Fred Kenneth, Steve and Doug Andrews, all of Fort Wayne, Charles Alvin Andrews of Detroit and Rodney Andrews of Arizona; three sisters, Betty Andrews of Fort Wayne, Sarah Thomas of Ohio and Alice Barksdale of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren, Rochelle Hemingway, Yolanda King, Athera Beaty, Max King, Tramel Prosser, Tyson Prosser, Danielle Prosser, Tavis Thompson and Aaron Thompson; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosemary Andrews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with calling from 10-11 a.m.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery at Fort Wayne with a military graveside service by American Legion Post 178 of Garrett.

Lawrence Burnham

AUBURN — Lawrence F. Burnham, 81, of Auburn died Monday, July 9, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mr. Burnham was a contract engineer with many companies, retiring in 1998. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943-1946.

He was a life member of the Handyman Club. His hobbies were photography, woodworking and fishing.

He was born June 8, 1926, in Dowagiac, Mich.

Surviving are his wife, Charlotte Burnham of Auburn; a son, Rick Burnham of Aiken, S.C.; two brothers, Jim Burnham of Elmhurst, Ill., and John Burnham; and two grandsons, Sean Camp and Adam Camp, both of Auburn.

He ws preceded in death by a daughter, Lorrie Camp, and a sister, Joan Carrington.

There will be no services or calling. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Lloyd Mertz

ASHLEY — Lloyd W. Mertz, 93, of Ashley died Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Mildred Rottger

AUBURN — Mildred J. Rottger, 82, of Auburn died Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Glen Culbertson

AUBURN — A graveside service for Glen Albert Culbertson will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Mr. Culbertson, 91, of Okeechobee, Fla., died Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at Raulerson Hospital.

Born Nov. 12, 1915, in Auburn, he had lived in Okeechobee for the past 11 years.

He enjoyed fishing and bowling. He was a lifetime member of the Moose and Elks lodges and was a member of the Eagles.

Surviving are his wife of 10 years, Rosie Culbertson; two stepsons, Mark Cook of Auburn and John P. Cook and his wife, Kathy, of Greenwood; two stepdaughters, Sarah K. Cook of Auburn and Judy L. Cook of Columbus, Ohio; and three grandchildren, Mark Heller, Debra Eberhard and Diana Dunkel.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Marsha Heller.

Memorials are to Good Shepherd Hospice of Highlands County, P.O. Box 1881, Sebring, FL 33871-1884.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements for Friday's service.

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Mary Yates

LAGRANGE — Mary E. Yates, 85, of LaGrange died at 6 a.m. Sunday, July 8, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Yates

Mrs. Yates and her husband, Harold, had owned and operated Yates Shoe Store. She later worked as a cashier at Purity Super Market in LaGrange.

She enjoyed poetry.

She was born May 18, 1922, in Cary, Ohio, to Harve J. and Mary Ellen Stillberger. She married Harold Yates on Aug. 5, 1943, in Vanlue, Ohio. He is deceased.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tonya and Fred Olenberger of Arkansas City, Kan.; a son, John Yates of Wolcottville; two grandchildren, Fred Olenberger of Huntsville, Utah, and Dan and Therese Olenberger of Springdale, Ark.; and a great-granddaughter, Hailee Olenberger of Seminole, Fla.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Rosetta O'Flaharty; two brothers, Milton and Lynn Stillberger; and two granddaughters, Jo Lyn and Molly Olenberger.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent online to condolences@earthlink.net.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to include additional information.*

Ruth Gottschalk

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Ruth Eiliene Gottschalk, 83, of California Township (Montgomery), Mich., formerly of Coldwater Lake, Mich., died Friday, June 15, 2007, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Gottschalk

Mrs. Gottschalk was a homemaker.

She attended Coldwater (Mich.) High School. She enjoyed fishing, hunting, bowling and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her hobbies included sewing, knitting and upholstery.

She was born Sept. 7, 1923, in Kinderhook Township, Mich., to Bert and Audrey Bell (Spade) Allen. She married L.B. Charles "Bud" Gottschalk on Dec. 17, 1941, in Sandusky, Ohio. He preceded her in death on Oct. 4, 1983.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, William "Butch" Gottschalk of Montgomery, Mich., Charles "Chuck" and Susan Gottschalk of Perrysburg, Ohio, and Jerry Lee and Vickie Gottschalk of Maumee, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Norm Exelby of Coldwater; 10 grandchildren, Michael, Charles, John, Jeff, Marianne, Jay, Jamie, Shelley, Melissa, and Jeremy; five great-grandchildren, Chase, Molly, Matthew, Chipper and Garrett; a sister, Loraine Gottschalk of Angola, a son-in-law, Irving Wright of Battle Creek, Mich.; and special friends Ed and Shirley Merriman of Coldwater.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Jonnie Lou Wright; a sister, Ilo Kowatch; and a brother, Clifton Allen.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Knauss Cemetery in Kinderhook Township, Mich., with the Rev. Lynn Eicher officiating. Burial will follow.

Calling is private.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Hospital or the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Condolences are to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Ralph Stadtfeld

ALBION — Ralph L. Stadtfeld, 76, of Albion died at 7:10 p.m. Monday, July 9, 2007, at his home near Albion.

Mr. Stadtfeld had moved to the Albion area in 1960 from Remus, Mich., and spent the winter months in Alamo, Texas.

He had retired in 1993 as a machinist at Dana Corp. in Auburn.

Mr. Stadtfeld served as a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps in the Korean War.

He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

Mr. Stadtfeld was an avid collector of toy tractors and member of the Michiana Toy Club. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, family and friends, playing Euchre, Cribbage and telling stories.

He was born July 16, 1930, in Remus, Mich., to Lawrence and Dorothy (Merritt) Stadtfeld. They are deceased. He married Mary E. Campbell on May 3, 1958, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, DeLane and Val Parker of Albion and Dawn Mariage; two sons and daughters-in-law, Eric and Cheryl Stadtfeld of Kendallville and Harold and Melissa Stadfelt of North Vernon; three sisters, Rosemary Clingerman of Holt, Mich., Elaine and John Winham of Buxton, N.C., and Kathy and Delanuy Delaney of Avondale Estates, Ga.; a brother-in-law, Harold Campbell of Albion; and three sisters-in-law, Helen Campbell of Auburn, Carole Campbell of Arco, Idaho, and Maxine Campbell of Paullina, Iowa; and grandchildren, Mark and Dee Eggering, Sherman and Jamie Howard, Benjamin Parker, Jonathan and Koleton Teders, and Bryson, Zachery, Marissa, Grace, Xauver, Caleb and Talon Stadtfeld.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Robert, Curtis and Charles; and a sister, Joyce Pitts.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion with Father Joachim Quadros officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with military services by American Legion Post 246.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Blessed Sacrament Educational Fund or Parkview Hospice, Whitley County branch.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct errors and provide additional information.*

Thomas Moran

SOUTHGATE, Mich. — Thomas L. Moran, 82, of Southgate, Mich., died Friday, July 6, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Moran worked at McLouth Steel in Trenton, Mich., for 32 years. He was a World War II veteran.

He was an avid camper who loved music, football, cards, golf and his family.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen Moran; four sons and daughters-in-law, Bradley and Mary Moran, David and Carrie Moran, Jack and Virginia Douglas, and Richard and Celeste Douglas; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Max Platt of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, including Jeff Platt of Kendallville and Lisa Bender of Kendallville; 12 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Monna Schonscheck and Donna Keeling.

Services were Monday at R.J. Nixon Funeral Home in Wyandotte, Mich. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock, Mich.

Memorials are to Affinity Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Terry Simpson

LAGRANGE — Terry Simpson, 50, of LaGrange died Monday, July 9, 2007.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error provided to the newspaper.*

Doris Clark

FORT WAYNE — Doris E. Clark, 74, formerly of Lake James, died Monday, July 9, 2007.

Mrs. Clark had worked at New Haven High School and Lincoln Life Insurance Co. before retiring from I&M Electric Co. in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, as well as the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Altar Guild, Bible Study, the Cameron Hospital Auxiliary and the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program.

She was born Sept. 17, 1932, in New Haven to Arthur and Ella (Bruick) Goeglein. She married Eldon G. Clark on Nov. 8, 1953, at Emanuel Lutheran Church in New Haven. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Carla and Rex Flenar, and Denise and Jim Mendenhall, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, Arthur Goeglein of Ingleside, Texas; two sisters, Bertha Fagg of Overland Park, Kan., and Kathleen Johnston of Gold Canyon, Ariz.; six grandchildren, Aaron, Andrew and Leah Flenar and Christopher, Nathan and Troy Mendenhall, all of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Graveside services will be held at Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont at 10 a.m. Thursday. Another service will be held at Peace Lutheran Church at 11 a.m.

Calling will be Wednesday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Anyone wanting to follow the funeral procession should meet at the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to the Peace Lutheran Building Fund, Parkview Home Health and Hospice or the Lake James Lutheran Chapel.

Friends may sign the guestbook at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Monroe Leer

HOWE — Monroe C. "Bud" Leer, 89, of Howe died Monday, July 9, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Leer was a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

He had been employed at Stateline Sand & Gravel in Fremont as a foreman. He had also been a farmer and school bus driver for Brighton Schools.

Mr. Leer was a World War II United States Army veteran and had received the Bronze Star.

He was a member of Orland American Legion Post 423.

Mr. Lee attended LaGrange Missionary Church.

He was born on Jan. 22, 1918, in Howe to Robert B. and Lettie (Carper) Leer. He married to Lauris Elliott on Dec. 1, 1945, in LaGrange. She preceded him in death on Jan. 31, 1995. He then married Sarah Lee (Sink) Spreuer on March 27, 1999, in LaGrange. She survives in Howe.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Gayle and Tom Sutton of Murrells Inlet, S.C., and Kris and Mike Patalita of Medina, Ohio; three sons and three daughters-in-law, Greg and Marcia Leer of Orland, Brad and Vonda Leer of Bowling Green, Ky., and Tracy Leer of Howe and Linda Sue Leer of Fort Wayne; two stepsons and their wives, Dennis and Jean Spreuer of Wolcottville and Donald and Frauke Spreuer of Aboca Island; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Catherine Clark of Sturgis, Mich., and Arlene Woods of LaPorte; and a brother, E.C. Leer of Sturgis.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Jerry Leer on April 17, 1998, and Todd Leer on Oct. 13, 2003; and two sisters, Mildred Leer and Pauline Long.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Josh Hossler officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery at Howe with a military graveside service.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Missionary Church Building Fund.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information.*

Marjorie Zeiger

PLEASANT LAKE — Marjorie A. Zeiger, 74, of Pleasant Lake died Saturday, June 9, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Zeiger

Mrs. Zeiger had been a court reporter for Steuben Circuit Court until retiring May 1, 1997. She was a veteran of the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Mrs. Zeiger was also a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola, Cameron Memorial Community Hospital Auxiliary, the Red Hat Society, Sweet Adelines from 1972 until 1998, and several quartets. She also participated in community theater, and volunteered with the Girl Scouts and at Anthony Wayne Scout Reserve.

She was born Dec. 27, 1932, in Dayton, Ohio, to William and Alice (Francis) Rieker, who preceded her in death. She married Jack H. Zeiger of Pleasant Lake on July 31, 1953, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son, Bruce Zeiger of Huntertown; three daughters, Beth Antrup of Kansas City, Mo., Belinda Felton of Las Vegas, Nev., and Melissa Girod of Middle Point, Ohio; one sister, Norma Hendrickson of Malvern, Pa.; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola, with the Rev. Deborah Davis officiating.

Calling will be an hour before the service at the church.

Memorials are to the endowment fund of the Anthony Wayne Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, 8315 W. Jefferson, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is handling the arrangements.

Patricia King-DeLaRossa

WOLCOTTVILLE — Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, for Patricia Ann "Patty" King-DeLaRossa of San Marcos, Calif., and formerly of Adams Lake near Wolcottville.

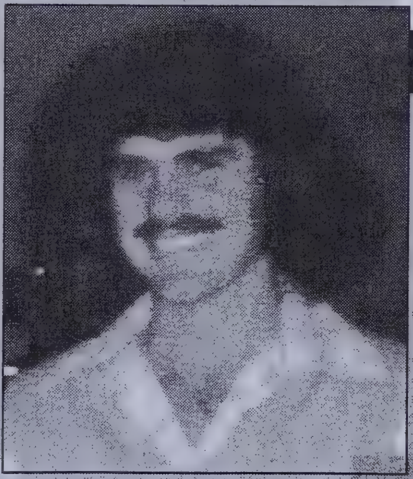
A luncheon will follow at American Legion Post 381 in Rome City.

Mrs. King-DeLaRossa died June 3, 2007, in San Marcos where she had been a resident the past nine years.

Area survivors include daughters, Denise Michelbrink of Avilla and Kellee Overholser of LaGrange and a sister, Dodie Schneider of Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.



Patrick Scott Biddle
July 11, 1958 - March 5, 2007

"I'm as free as a bird now,
and this bird you cannot change."
Always in our hearts,
Sara, Jessica & Patrick Biddle

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July11, 2007, Wednesday

M. Jean Smolek,71

ALBION — M. Jean Smolek, 71, of Albion died at 7:32 p.m. Monday, July 2, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange. Mrs. Smolek had been in declining health for the past year.

Mrs. Smolek had retired after serving 16 years as a secretary in the engineering department at Flint & Walling in Kendallville. She had also held other jobs in the Albion area.

She spent winters in Frostproof, Fla., where she enjoyed playing bingo, reading and playing the piano.

Mrs. Smolek was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion where she was active in the church choir and bell choir.

She was a graduate of Albion-Jefferson High School and was a lifetime area resident.

She was born Oct. 7, 1935, in Albion to Ralph and Marjory (Schutt) Gappinger. She married Ken Smolek on March 9, 1954, at Albion Methodist Church. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Deb and Doug Wilson of Albion, Donita and Jeff Brill of Wolcottville and Denise Smolek and her companion, Brad Bonar, of Albion; a sister, Ann Winebrenner of Albion; five grandsons, Sean Davies, Spencer Wilson, Seth Wilson, Evan Brill and Bryan Noland; two great-grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, John and Jack Gappinger; and a sister, Carolyn Lower.

Services were at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion with the Rev. Brett Frymier officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery at Albion.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church's Music Department.

J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July11, 2007, Wednesday

Audra Owen, 92

CROMWELL — Audra Helen Owen, 92, of Cromwell died at 1 p.m. Monday, July 2, 2007, at the Oaks in Columbia City. Mrs. Owen had been in declining health for more than three years.

She had lived most of her adult life in the Cromwell area and had moved to Columbia City seven years ago.

Mrs. Owen was a production worker for Lyall Electric and Ligonier Rubber.

She loved watching her children and grandchildren play sports and enjoyed fishing and IU basketball.

She was born July 4, 1914, in Noble Township in Noble County to Luther and Martha (Shanabarger) Boggs. She married Ralph Owen on March 20, 1934, in Kimmell. He died May 1, 1974.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Mary Owen of rural Columbia City; a daughter-in-law, Sally Owen of Pendleton; grandchildren, Robb and Tina Owen, Chad Owen, Susan and Jeff Julian, Linda and Tim Lawyer, Terri and Jim Jackson and Rick and Regina Gallmeyer; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Bruce Owen; a brother, Harmon Boggs; and a sister, Joyce Lehner.

Services were at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to the activities department at the Oaks or Heartland Hospice.

James Horn, 88

TOPEKA — James E. Horn, 88, of Topeka died Wednesday, July 4, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Horn had lived in the Topeka area since the 1930s. He was a plumber with the Local No. 166 Plumbers Union with Schambaugh & Sons of Fort Wayne.

He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Horn was a member of the Baptist Church in Topeka.

He was born on Feb. 24, 1919, in Pennville to William Russell and Lillian Hazel (Irey) Horn. He married Margaret E. Domer on Feb. 19, 1949, in Wawaka. She survives.

Also surviving are two sisters Charlene and Roger Heintzelman of Cromwell and Martha Wyatt of Howe.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Charles Horn and Joe Horn; and three sisters, Wilma Bentley, Barbara Caple and Beverly Renkenberger.

Funeral service was held at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Gene Troyer officiating. Burial was in Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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July 12, 2007, Thursday

Mildred Rottger

AUBURN — Mildred J. Rottger, 82, of Auburn died Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Rottger worked as a die cast operator at Hamilton Standard for 20 years, retiring in 1987. She was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

She was born Dec. 24, 1924, in LaGrange County to Norven F. and Maude Irene (Gable) Ely. They preceded her in death.

She married Franklin Edward Rottger on June 17, 1944, in Garrett. He died April 20, 2004.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Edward Eugene Rottger of Butler and Richard Ralph and Jyl Rottger of Auburn; four daughters and sons-in-law, Linda Lou and Ronnie Williford of Auburn, Janet Irene and Robert Zimmerman of Butler, Janice Lynn and Edward Short of London, Ky., and Connie Sue and Jerry Brown of Garrett; 28 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Allen Rottger, one granddaughter, three brothers and one sister.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Lorne MacMillan will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Hospital or the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Jack Mavis

AUBURN — Jack Mavis, 86, of Auburn died Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at his summer home on Lake George near Fremont.

Mr. Mavis was the owner and operator of Fetzer's Bakery in Auburn and Angola for 26 years. He retired in 1987.

He was born July 29, 1920, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Alverda Clayton and Gertie (Fisher) Mavis.

He married Julia Ann (Fetzer) Mavis on June 27, 1943, in Hicksville, Ohio. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jackie and Bill Cassady of Carrollton, Texas; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Jim Mavis of Carrollton, Texas, and Fred and Vicky Mavis of Auburn; four grandchildren, Bryan Runion, Brett Cassady, Kyle Mavis and Camille Mavis; two great-grandchildren, Jordan Runion and Jayden Mavis; one brother, Karl Mavis of Edgerton, Ohio; and one sister, Joan Sites of Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson, William Cassady.

Private family services will be at a later date. There will be no calling.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Terry Simpson

Mr. Simpson

LAGRANGE — Terry R. Simpson, 50, of LaGrange died Monday, July 9, 2007, at the VA Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Simpson had been a nursing assistant and had worked for Miller's Merry Manor, Life Care Center and Home Health. He had also formerly worked at Duo-Therm in LaGrange.

He was a former member of the Jaycees and a big supporter of Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon and at one time had personally handed Jerry Lewis a check.

Mr. Simpson was a 1976 graduate of Lakeland High School. He enjoyed fishing and working with computers.

He was born July 8, 1957, in Angola to Wesley and Sharon (Miller) Simpson. They survive in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a stepson, Aaron DeClue of LaGrange; uncles and aunts, Don and Deb of LaPorte and Sue and Dick Evans of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Rory Lee Wayne DeClue; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Michael W. McKinney Sr. officiating.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery with military rites by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Pallbearers will be Robert Green, Roger Witham Jr., Kevin Witham, Chip Steider, Matt Steider, Aaron DeClue, David Green and Dan Kelly.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 12, 2007, Thursday

Irene Strater-Siebenaler

FORT WAYNE — Irene D. Strater-Siebenaler, 97, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at St. Anne's Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Strater-Siebenaler

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo.

She was born Nov. 16, 1909, in Waterloo to Nicholas and Celina Margret (Schortgen) Deitzen. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Moddise Strater in January 1928, and he died in July 1958.

She then married Bernard Siebenaler in April 1960. He died in December 1984.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Phyllis Strater of Lakewood, Ohio, and Lyle and Marilyn Strater of Florida; one daughter and son-in-law, Carol Ann and Jerry Rosswurm of Hamilton; four stepdaughters; one stepson; 10 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Neil Strater; one grandson, Craig Rosswurm; one brother; two sisters; one stepdaughter and two stepsons.

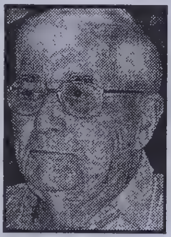
Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in the St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be tonight from 6-8 at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with a rosary service at 8, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Anne's Nursing Home or St. Michael's Scholarship Fund.

Lloyd Mertz

ASHLEY — Lloyd W. Mertz, 93, of Ashley died Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.


Mr. Mertz

Mr. Mertz was a lifetime farmer in Fairfield Township. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in rural Corunna, the Lutheran Laymen's League and the DeKalb County Farm Bureau. He was active in the DeKalb County Historical Society.

He was born Sept. 3, 1913, in DeKalb County to Edward J. and Lillian (Kammerer) Mertz.

He married Helen P. (Anderson) Mertz on Jan. 24, 1937, at the Zion Lutheran Church. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dale L. and Lula Mertz of Berne; a daughter and son-in-law, Harriet M. and Richard Redman of Appleton, Wis.; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Ralph and Dottie Mertz of Knoxville, Tenn., and Robert Mertz of Kendallville; five grandchildren and their spouses, Mark and Cathy Mertz, Jana and Tyler Braun, Kent and Sarah Mertz, Christiana Redman and Phillip Redman; and three great-grandchildren, Lauren Mertz, John Mertz, and Kyle Mertz.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister-in-law, Lucille Mertz; one brother and one sister.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Zion Lutheran Church in rural Corunna. Pastor Timothy Puls will officiate. Burial will be in Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1890 S. Center St., Auburn, and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church or the DeKalb County Historical Society.

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Bonnie Hollon

FORT WAYNE — Bonnie Dawn Hollon, 29, of Fort Wayne died July 4, 2007, at Holiday World in Santa Claus.

Ms. Hollon

She liked knitting and was a homemaker.

Ms. Hollon was born in Angola.

Survivors include her mother, Judy Brumbaugh of Auburn; her fiancé Matthew Shirley of Fort Wayne; her children, Mathlada Shirley of Fort Wayne and Jasmine Hollon of Illinois; a brother, Richard Brandon; a sister, Christy Miller of Auburn; grandmother Betty Rathbun of Orland; grandfather McKee of Fremont; 13 aunts and uncles, Nancy Schort of Pleasant Lake, Jackie Davis, Rosie Crubaugh, Donald Crubaugh and Edith Imse of Michigan, Loretta Stevens of Orland, Kat Shown and Betty Matlock of Angola, Donald Imse, Dewy Imse and Jo Ellen McKee of Fremont and Robert Crubaugh and Ed Crubaugh of Ohio; and many cousins.

Two children, Shane Shirley and Mackenzie Shirley, preceded her in death, along with her father, Sam Nickelson; grandfathers Jake Crubaugh and Wilbur Lytle; and grandmother Vivian McKee.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to the service.

Marilyn Roberts

ANGOLA — Marilyn Ruth Roberts, 78, of Angola died Monday, July 9, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Roberts was retired from the Lakeland Nursing Center, where she worked as a medical assistant.

She enjoyed doing crossword and word search puzzles.

She was born Dec. 11, 1928, to Abram and Evelyn Sikkenga. She married Richard Roberts on Dec. 14, 1976. He died Nov. 15, 2002.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Penny Beattie of Garrison, Minn.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Robin Odell and Frank Taylor of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Linda and Vester Smith of Orland; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three sisters, Carol Hedregen of Raymondsville, Texas, Marvelyn Nichols of Tuscon, Ariz., and Sandra Zantello of Kalamazoo; one brother, Richard Wheely of Clearwater, Fla.; and two stepsons, Michael and Joseph Roberts of Luck, Wis.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Walter Beattie Jr.; and a daughter, Deidre Beattie.

Services and calling are private.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Ruth Sayer

PORTLAND, Mich. — Ruth "Ione" Sayer, 79, of Portland, Mich., died Tuesday, July 10, 2007.

Mrs. Sayer

Mrs. Sayer was the manager of the Shoreline Lake Condominium Association for three years and also spent time as the treasurer for the city of Sunfield.

She enjoyed square dancing for 30 years, as well as reading, helping with the friends of the library group in Portland and being a Cub Scout den mother. She loved sewing and was known as a wonderful seamstress.

She was born Jan. 27, 1928, to Mearl and Clementine (Smith) Rairigh. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, John; a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Brenda Sayer; a daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Larry Carr; four grandchildren, Barbara Malsch, Scott Sayer, Cindy Bloomer and Shawn McIntyre; eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Melvin Rairigh and Vivian Rairigh; and a sister, Ilene Pierce.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Henney, and a brother, Clayton Rairigh.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m.in Schrauben-Lehman Funeral Home, 210 E. Bridge St., Portland, with Pastor Paul Bailey officiating. Burial will be in Danby Township Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be left at www.schraubenlehman.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
July 12, 2007, Thursday

Randy Lee Grigsby Davidson

LIGONIER — A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 14 in Ligonier for Randy Lee Grigsby Davidson, 54, who died on June 29, 2007 in El Cajon, California.

Mr. Grigsby had many relatives in this area.

The memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday at The Crosswalk, Ligonier United Methodist Church, Townline Road, Ligonier.

Rev. Michael Heinbaugh will assist with the service.

Mr. Grigsby was born on Jan. 6, 1953 in Wolf Lake, to Lee Davidson and Herma Grigsby.

He was raised in Clear Creek, California by his Aunt Zola Grigsby and his grandparents, Betsy and Foodlow Grigsby.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, aunt Zola, and his grandparents, and his "adopted in love" moth, Alice Davidson.

Survivors include his aunt Polly Collins of Indiana, and seven first cousins including Deborah (Branam) Smith, Donna (Branam) Becker, Dana (Branam) Slone, Dean Branam, David Branman, Zola Bennett, Mike Collins, Kay Collins Condict, James Collins, Jr., Teddy and General Hardigree.

Local family members ask that memorial can go to Common Grace of Noble County.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 13, 2007, Friday

Carol Todd

LIGONIER — Carol H. Todd, 87, of Ligonier died at 5:23 p.m. Thursday, July 12, 2007.

Arrangements are pending at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse.

Lowell Gordon

LAOTTO — Lowell E. Gordon, 79, died Thursday, July 12, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

A Whitley County native, he was a tool and die maker with Miller Tool & Die for 16 years, retiring in 1995.

Mr. Gordon was a member of LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Surviving are his wife, Nondis I. "Nibby" Gordon of LaOtto; four sons and daughters-in-law, Larry E. and Jackie Gordon of Avilla, Lonnie E. and Barbara Gordon of Summerville, S.C., Lynn E. and Denise Gordon of Albion and Lee E. and Liberty Gordon of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Rita M. and Steve Noel of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and five brothers, Robert Gordon of Larwill, Ronald Gordon of Fairmont, David Gordon of Columbia City, Allen Gordon of Kimmell and Thomas Gordon of Australia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Elizabeth Carter Gordon; and a sister, Carolyn Morrison.

Service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Call will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to services Monday at the funeral home.

Dortha Shawver

PLEASANT LAKE — Dortha D. Shawver, 89, of Pleasant Lake, died Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Shawver was a homemaker who also worked for 10 years as a cook for Angola Middle School.

She was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Pleasant Lake, as well as a ladies aide and member of the Bible study group at the church.

She was born on Aug. 6, 1917, in Salem Township to Robert and Elsie (George) Slick. She married Richard Shawver on Aug. 4, 1935. He died on May 22, 1978.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Ed and Janet Shawver of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Norm Strand of Benicia, Calif.; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Clair Slick; a sister, Lois Johnson; and a great-grandson, Kaleb Wogomon.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, at the Mount Zion United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jeff Stedge officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, as well as an hour before the service at the church.

Memorials are to the Mount Zion United Methodist Church.

This obituary is being re-run to add a name inadvertently omitted.

Bonnie Hollon

FORT WAYNE — Bonnie Dawn Hollon, 29, of Fort Wayne, died July 4, 2007, at Holiday World in Santa Claus.

She liked knitting and was a homemaker.

Ms. Hollon was born in Angola.

Ms. Hollon

Survivors include her mother, Judy Brumbaugh of Auburn; her fiancé Matthew Shirley of Fort Wayne; her children, Mathlada Shirley of Fort Wayne and Jasmine Hollon of Illinois; her brother, Richard Brandon; a sister, Christy Miller of Auburn; grandmother Betty Rathbun of Orland; grandfather McKee of Fremont; 13 aunts and uncles, Nancy Schort of Pleasant Lake, Jackie Davis, Rosie Crubaugh, Donald Crubaugh and Edith Imse of Michigan, Loretta Stevens of Orland, Kat Shown and Betty Matlock of Angola, Donald Imse, Dewy Imse and Jo Ellen McKee of Fremont and Robert Crubaugh and Ed Crubaugh of Ohio; and many cousins.

Two children, Shane Shirley and Mackenzie Shirley, preceded her in death, along with her father, Sam Nickelson; grandfathers Jake Crubaugh and Wilbur Lytle; and grandmothers Mary Lytle and Vivian McKee.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to the service.

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Marceille Higgins

GARRETT — Marceille (Murley) Higgins, 95, of Garrett died Thursday, July 12, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Higgins

Mrs. Higgins retired from Saint Mary's/Notre Dame as a registered nurse. She graduated from St. Joseph School of Nursing in Fort Wayne.

She was born June 10, 1912, in Garrett.

Surviving are a brother, Richard Murley of Garrett; a son, John Higgins of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Anne Marie Higgins of Fort Wayne; and a grandson, Patrick Higgins of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, in 1978.

A private family burial will be at a later date in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett, the Garrett Public Library or DeKalb Memorial Home Health Services.

Condolences may be sent at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is handling arrangements.

Richard Brunner

HUDSON — Richard L. Brunner, 76, of Hudson died Thursday, July 12, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born June 15, 1931, in Fort Wayne, he was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean War, and had retired as a custodian from McKenney-Harrison School in Auburn.

Surviving are three sons, Warren E. Worman of Wichita, Kan., Arthur G. Worman of Corunna and Rick A. Brunner of Angola; four daughters, Fay Morrow of Ashley, Janette Miller of Hudson, Teresa Norton of Fort Wayne and Jana Creamer of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Calvin Brunner of Mexico and Don Brunner of Florida; two sisters, Neoma Keener of Fort Wayne and Nancy Oberlin of Butler; 24 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children.

To sign an online guest book, visit www.covington-memorial.com.

Bobbie Urban

AUBURN — Bobbie Lynn Urban, 65, of Auburn died Thursday, July 12, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Urban worked at Messenger Corp. for the past 18 1/2 years.

She was born Nov. 28, 1941, in Wales, Ky., to Marion Little Jr. and Sybil (Anderson) Little. Her father preceded her in death, and her mother survives in Virgie, Ky.

She married William E. Urban in Huntington in 1968. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son, Mark Allen Urban of Auburn; a grandson, Jonas Ray Urban; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Peggy Burnworth of Goshen, Judy and Tarhill Hooper of Ashville, N.C., and Sue and Larry Mullins of Virgie, Ky.; and four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Lloyd and Bonnie Little of West Jefferson, Ohio, George and Annette Little of Huntington, Glen and Alice Little of Virgie, Ky., and Maurice Little of Rutledge, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Ron Burnworth.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Pastor Glen Patrick will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Ruth Pieratt

ORLAND — Ruth M. Pieratt, 79, died Thursday, July 12, 2007, at Lakeland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

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The following obituary is being rerun to correct information about survivors.

Ralph Stadtfeld

ALBION — Ralph L. Stadtfeld, 76, of Albion died at 7:10 p.m. Monday, July 9, 2007, at his home near Albion.

Mr. Stadtfeld had moved to the Albion area in 1960 from Remus, Mich., and spent the winter months in Alamo, Texas.

He had retired in 1993 as a machinist at Dana Corp. in Auburn.

Mr. Stadtfeld served as a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps in the Korean War.

He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

Mr. Stadtfeld was an avid collector of toy tractors and member of the Michiana Toy Club. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, family and friends, playing Euchre, Cribbage and telling stories.

He was born July 16, 1930, in Remus, Mich., to Lawrence and Dorothy (Merritt) Stadtfeld. They are deceased. He married Mary E. Campbell on May 3, 1958, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, DeLane and Val Parker of Albion and Dawn Mariage; two sons and daughters-in-law, Eric and Cheryl Stadtfeld of Kendallville and Harold and Melissa Stadfeld of North Vernon; three sisters, Rosemary Clingerman of Holt, Mich., Elaine Ernst and John Winnicki of Buxton, N.C., and Kathy and Delanuy Delaney of Avondale Estates, Ga.; a brother-in-law, Harold Campbell of Albion; and three sisters-in-law, Helen Campbell of Auburn, Carole Campbell of Arco, Idaho, and Maxine Campbell of Paullina, Iowa; and grandchildren, Mark and Dee Eggering, Sherman and Jamie Howard, Benjamin Parker, Jonathan and Koleton Teders, and Bryson, Zachery, Marissa, Grace, Xavier, Caleb and Talon Stadtfeld.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Robert, Curtis and Charles; and a sister, Joyce Pitts.

Services were today at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion with Father Joachim Quadros officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with military services by American Legion Post 246.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Blessed Sacrament Educational Fund or Parkview Hospice, Whitley County branch.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 14, 2007, Saturday

Paid Obituary

Violet D. Johnson

HOWE — Violet Deloris Johnson, 77, of Howe, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, July 12, 2007 while at home with her family around her.

She was born June 30, 1930 in Sharkey, KY to Fred and Edith Hicks. On April 23, 1947, she married Bennie O. Johnson. He passed away Feb. 15, 2004.

Mrs. Johnson

A homemaker most of her life, she retired from Lakeland School Corporation in 1998, where she was a custodian for 13 years. She enjoyed going to church, singing, reading, quilting, gardening, canning and cooking for her family and friends. She was a faithful member of the Salem United Baptist Church in Rome City.

She was a loving wife, mother, sister and grandmother, with a genuine caring, loving heart; she had open arms ready to embrace all, and her expressions of strong faith and godly wisdom will forever be in our hearts.

Surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Evelyn Reddick of Yuma, AZ; Carolene and Glen Jackson, Diane and Porter Bowdish and Robin and Chad Tuttle, all of Howe; and Edwina and Art Myers of Montgomery, MI; a son and daughter-in-law, Bennie A. and Debra Johnson of Howe; one sister, June Cooper of Versailles, KY; one brother, Scottie Hicks of Owingsville, KY; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one grandson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 17, at Salem United Baptist Church, Rome City, with the Rev. Glen A. Jackson, the Rev. Bille R. Tuttle, the Rev. Elmer Slone and the Rev. Tony Sparkman officiating. Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery at Howe.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange and beginning at 4 p.m. Monday at the church, with a service at 6 p.m.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

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Ruth Pieratt

ORLAND — Ruth M. Pieratt, 79, of Orland died Thursday afternoon, July 12, 2007, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Pieratt worked for RCA in Cincinnati, Ohio, for 13 years.

She enjoyed gardening and watching birds.

She was born Aug. 26, 1927, in Barbourville, Ky., to Robert Edward and Bertha Ella (Partin) Miller.

She married Melvin C. Pieratt on March 28, 1964, in Newport, Ky., and he preceded her in death on May 22, 1977.

Surviving are one son, Donald Fields of Leonidas, Mich.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Brenda Lanning and Yvonne and Howard Sanders, all of Angola; one stepson, Jeff Pieratt of Eaton, Ohio; two stepdaughters, Denise and Connie Pieratt, both of Ohio; one sister and brother-in-law, Iris and Lowell Hubbs of Norwood, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Clair Lanning.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola, with calling two hours before services.

Burial will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Fairhaven Cemetery in Fairhaven, Ohio.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 14, 2007, Saturday

Clayton Walkup

KENDALLVILLE — Clayton Walkup, 84, of Kendallville died Thursday, July 12, 2007, at North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehab Center in Albion.

Mr. Walkup

Mr. Walkup had retired from Auburn Gear in 1988.

He was a World War II United States Army veteran and an expert marksman.

Mr. Walkup was a member of the American Legion Post in Lady Lake, Fla.

He loved spending time with his family, playing cards, hunting, fishing and playing golf. He also enjoyed taking care of his yard and flowers and gardening.

He was born in Crawley, W.Va., on April 13, 1923, to Charles and Birdie Armitta (Keyes) Walkup. He married Ella Louise Osborne on Aug. 15, 1947, in Crawley. She died Jan. 31, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Brenda and Ed Froelich and Kathy Zimmerman, all of Kendallville; a sister, Ruth Hall of Belle, W.Va.; a sister-in-law, Pearl Walkup Schmader of Kendallville; two grandsons, Todd Froelich of Kendallville and Arthur Allen of Wisconsin; two granddaughters and their husbands, Amy and Neal Sloffer of Fort Wayne and Stacy and Brian Natkin of Wichita Falls, Texas; three great-grandchildren, Abigail, Zachary and Mackenzie Sloffer, all of Fort Wayne; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Barbara Allen on Oct. 31, 2004, and a grandson, Shane Zimmerman on June 25, 1982. Also preceding him in death were his brothers, Billy, Ray, Roy, Phil, Howard, Loren, Luke and Lawrence; and his sisters, Ethel, Gertie, Alice, Madeline, Enna and Ruth.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Clothier officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 3-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice, North Ridge Village Nursing Home and Rehab Center or to the donor's choice.

View a video tribute (after Sunday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Carol Todd

LIGONIER — Carol H. Todd, 87, of Ligonier died at 5:23 p.m. Thursday, July 12, 2007, at her home. She had been ill for the last six to eight weeks.

Mrs. Todd

Mrs. Todd lived most of her adult life in Elkhart Township in Noble County. She was a homemaker and was formerly employed at Monsanto in Ligonier for 10 years. She also worked for Goldens Furniture in Ligonier and was a life member of The Yarley Club in Wawaka.

She was born April 19, 1920, in Tollsboro, Ky., to Bruce and Anna (Keith) Hamrick.

She married Charles W. Todd Sr. on Feb. 28, 1938. He preceded her in death on May 19, 2007.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Sonia W. Todd Jr. and Joseph and Susan K. Todd, all of Syracuse; four grandchildren, William V. Todd of Riverside, Calif., Joseph K. Todd Jr. and Marsha Todd Austen, both of Los Angeles, Calif., and Christine W. Todd of Syracuse; three great-grandchildren, Darien Todd of Orlando, Fla., Jack Todd Austen and Nicole P. Austen, both of Los Angeles, Calif.

Also preceding her in death were two sisters, an infant brother and an infant daughter, Margaret.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Church of Christ, 9025 N. C.R. 860W, Ligonier (formerly Perry School), with the Rev. Mel Harrell officiating.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Noble County Foundation for the Wawaka High School Alumni Scholarship Fund or the church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements are being made by Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 15, 2007, Sunday

Jennings worked hard, helped others

BY VIV ROSSWURM
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EDGERTON, Ohio — Kenny "Deke" Jennings of Edgerton, Ohio, and formerly of Butler lived his life the way God intended all humans to live, according to his younger sister, Maxine Sanders, also of Edgerton.

"He was a humble man, a quiet man and as honest as the day is long," Sanders said of the big brother who stuck around after their mother died and during their father's illness to take care of the family farm in Butler and serve as a mentor to his younger brothers and sisters.

Kenneth Jennings was 84 when he died June 18 in his home after battling Parkinson's disease for three years.

He was born on Oct. 11, 1922, near Butler, the son of Russell L. and Ruby H. (Platt) Jennings, the third of seven children. His father gave each child a nickname that stuck throughout their lifetimes. Kenny became Deke; Maxine became Murphy; older brother Paul became Buck; Evelyn became Effie; Margaret became Cork; Wilma became Till; and Richard was dubbed Rich.

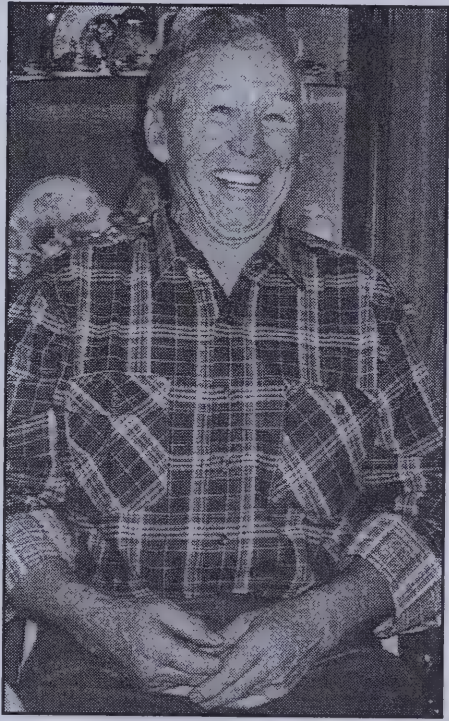
"We all had nicknames, but Kenny's had a background," Sanders said. "At a very young age he was 'preaching' and became known as Deacon Dubbs from California, W.Va."

Sanders remembered her beloved brother in the weekly column she authors for the Edgerton Earth weekly newspaper: "After the death of our mother, our dad was in poor health and Kenny stayed at home and helped with the farming for several years with the only compensation being room and board, use of the family car, gas and a small amount of spending money. This allowed us to remain at our home together as a family. Thanks again, Deke."

Another sister, Wilma "Till" Armstrong of Butler, also has strong memories of her brother.

"He was very, very special," Armstrong said. "He was my big brother who always looked after me. I was always safe with Deke around."

A patient and loving man, Kenny Jennings was so shy he had trouble giving a report in front of his classmates, Armstrong said. He graduated from Butler High School in 1940 and married Phyllis Souder on Dec. 25, 1945, at Zion Church near Hamilton.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Kenneth Jennings was a humble, quiet farmer who spent his whole life taking care of others. An honest and respected businessman, he enjoyed spending time with his family, his horses, making maple syrup, fox hunting and traveling.

They had eight children — Greg, Steve, Gary, Kay, Mark, Jeff, Holly and Tracy. Tracy lived only a few hours after being born in 1965 and Jeff was 21 when he was killed in a traffic accident in 1980.

The death of his son was hard on his father and the rest of the family, as well, Mark Jennings remembers.

"We had all grown up not really experiencing any real tragedy," Jennings said. "We had two brothers — Steve and Gary — who had fought in Vietnam and came back unscathed, so Jeff's death was especially devastating to our family."

Mark Jennings asked his father several years ago what his favorite time period had been, and Kenny Jennings replied, "When all of my kids were still at home."

"He always had time to play with his kids," Mark Jennings said.

Kenny Jennings instilled some of his same values and work ethic in his children, according to Mark Jennings.

"Dad taught us how to work hard, how to be honest and how to always be willing to help somebody out. Although growing up, I didn't know it, I later realized that he was a wonderful father," he said.

Kenny Jennings loved spending time with his family on their 300-acre farm, where all the kids chipped in and helped with chores. He also loved horses. At his funeral, his coffin was carried the last mile to the cemetery in a horsedrawn carriage.

The Jennings family spent many days making maple syrup and used a horsedrawn wagon to gather the sap, Mark Jennings said.

"We worked hard," Jennings said. "One year we tapped over 400 trees."

Kenny Jennings was an avid fox hunter and belonged to a fox hunting club. In addition to farming, he owned and operated Lindsey Water Softening from 1969 until his retirement. Three of his grown children — Steve, Mark and Holly — all own their own businesses.

After the kids were grown and gone, Kenny and Phyllis Jennings bought a motor home and traveled, something they enjoyed, Mark Jennings said.

"Because dad worked so hard and paid for his farm, he was able to cash-rent his farm and enjoy traveling around the country. They went to Alaska three times," Jennings said.

Kenny Jennings also enjoyed spending time with his 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Do-It-Right Farm Bureau Council for more than 50 years and a member of Big Run Church in Butler.

The quiet, unassuming man with the radiant smile would have nothing to do with dishonesty in any form, said his son, Mark Jennings. And he always went out of his way to help others.

"Everyone should be blessed with a brother like we had," Sanders said. "He will live in our hearts forever."

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Jonathan Hagerman

LIGONIER —Jonathan Robert Hagerman, 33, of Ligonier, died early Saturday, July 14, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He had been employed at Guardian Industries in Ligonier until becoming disabled in 1993, and had also worked as a general carpenter. He was a member of the Rock of Ages Church of Love in Ligonier.

Mr. Hagerman

Mr. Hagerman was born in Richlands, Va., on Oct. 8, 1973, the son of Tommy and Leah (Hicks) Hagerman, and they survive in Ligonier. He spent most of his life in Ligonier and Paynesville, W.V. He married Tiffany Vance in Albion Jan. 3, 1994, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Charlie Ray Bailey of San Antonio, Texas, Jonathan Lee Byrd of Norfolk, Va., and Nicholas Robert Hagerman and Madison Andrew Hagerman, both of Ligonier; three daughters, Crystal Marie Hagerman and Mary Marindia Carlisle of Norfolk, and Brittney Dawn Hagerman of Ligonier; six brothers and sisters-in-law, Allen and Mary Hagerman, Stephen and Nancy Hagerman, Jeffrey and Betty Hagerman and Michael and Stephanie Hagerman, all of Paynesville, Anthony and Chrissy Hagerman of Ligonier, and Aaron and Shannon Hagerman of Chicago; five sisters and brothers-in-law, Ann and Ron Marshall of Auburn, Sherry and Luther Hagerman of Ocala, Fla., Carolyn and Ernest Vance of Albion, Deleah and Dennis Ratliff of Topeka, and Tommi Jo and Estil Pruitt of Ligonier.

In addition to his grandparents, he was preceded in death by a son, Joshua Adam Hagerman in 1993; two sisters, Madlene Hagerman and Ethelene Hagerman; a brother, Mark Hagerman; and a brother-in-law Charles Gross.

Mr. Hagerman will be taken from the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco to the residence of his parents at 8919 N. C.R. 450W, Ligonier, where friends may call after 4 p.m. Monday. The funeral will be held from the residence at 6 p.m. Monday with Russell Hicks and Elbert Hagerman officiating. Final services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Bright Morning Star Church in Paynesville. Additional calling will be at the church after 6 p.m. Tuesday or prior to the service Wednesday.

Burial will be in the Hagerman Cemetery, Beartown, W.V.

Ora Bontrager

LAGRANGE — Ora J.K. Bontrager, 95, of LaGrange, died at 10:35 a.m. Saturday, July 14, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Maple Grove Church in Topeka. Visitation will be at Maple Grove Church in Topeka on Monday from 2-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service.

Other arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Jeffery Andrews

ANGOLA — Jeffery Lynn Andrews, 58, of Angola, died Thursday, July 12, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was owner of Forrest Management Lumber Co. Mr. Andrews was involved with Sons of American Legion at Orland American Legion and Simon Peter Christian Gospel Band. He was always involved with area bands. Known as "The Singing Lumberjack," his inspirational music touched everyone.

Mr. Andrews

Mr. Andrews was born Oct. 3, 1948, in Sturgis, Mich., to Richard and Betty (Auten) Andrews. He married Jeanette Shuler on Aug. 30, 1985. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Tonie and Doug Reincke of Royal Oak, Mich., Elisha Andrews of Angola, and Heather and Scott Caskey of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Peggy Schreiber of Angola and Ron and Jackie Schreiber of Cabot, Ark.; one brother and sister-in-law, John Richard and Colleen Andrews of Pleasant Lake; one sister, Elizabeth Hufnagle of Angola; one aunt, Lola Oral Snook of Sturgis; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard Andrews and Betty Andrews Arnold.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Eric Piersimoni officiating. Calling will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

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Thomas Reed

LIGONIER — Thomas A. Reed, 77, a resident near Ligonier, died at 6:15 a.m. Friday, July 13, 2007, at the Goshen General Hospital.

He was employed by the McCray Refrigeration Co. in Kendallville from 1947 to 1951, when he entered the U.S. Army serving in Korea from 1951 to 1953. Following his discharge from military duty, he was employed by the J.I. Case Company in Churubusco, Barker Firestone Store in Kendallville, then for 39 years at Monsanto, retiring from Silgan Corporation in Ligonier. He was a member of the Ligonier Evangelical Church and was an avid collector of Lionel trains.

Mr. Reed was born Dec. 21, 1929, in Kendallville, a son of Charles Guy and Gertrude Fyke Reed. His early life was spent in Kendallville and Avilla, where he graduated from high school in 1947. He married Mary C. Adams on Aug. 5, 1961, and they have always made their home in Ligonier. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Clint and Nikki Reed of Wichita, Kansas, and Thomas Clark and RaeAnn Reed of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Dale Fought of Ligonier; four grandchildren, Andrew Reed, Bryan Reed, Russell Fought and Lauren Fought; three step-grandchildren, Matt and Amy Gaff, Nick Gaff and Jenny Gaff.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two grandchildren, Sara and Bradley Fought.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Ligonier Evangelical Church, 1911 Lincolnway South, with the Rev. David Kushman officiating. The burial will be in the Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City with the Whitley County Korean War Veterans presenting military honors at the graveside. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour before the service at the church.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospital Hospice.

Arrangements are by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Condolences may be to www.smithandsons-funeralhome.com.

Junior Wegener

LAGRANGE — Junior F. Wegener, 77, of LaGrange, died unexpectedly Thursday, July 12, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Wegener was a retired truck driver for Redman Industries in Topeka. He and his family moved to LaGrange County in 1982 from Janesville, Wis. He was also a World War II Navy Veteran.

He was born on July 24, 1929, in Trenton, Wis., to Frank and Anna (Keinast) Wegener. He married Donna J. Williamson on Jan. 3, 1961, in Dubuque, Iowa. She preceded him in death on May 13, 1991.

Surviving are a daughter, Laurie Shafer of LaGrange; three sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey and Linda Wegener of Shipshewana, Timothy and Beth Wegener of Janesville, and Dennis and Jeanne Hoke of Madison, Wis.; two sisters, Loretta Shoeman and Delores Daniels both of Wisconsin; and a brother, Elroy Wegener of Florida.

He was preceded in death by a son, Curtis Hoke; a sister, Evelyn Bartz; and a brother, Richard Wegener.

Services will be Thursday at Milton Lawn Memorial Park in Janesville at 2 p.m. (CDT) with the Rev. James E. Melvin officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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DeWayne Harness

HAMILTON — DeWayne Lee Harness, 52, of Hamilton died Saturday, July 14, 2007, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Harness

Mr. Harness was a factory worker and a U.S. Army veteran.

He was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was born on Aug. 15, 1954, in Parker to Gaylord and Suzanne (Meeks) Harness. He married Cecilia Brady in March 2006 in Hamilton. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Kreston Harness of Butler; a daughter, Deserie Harness of Edon, Ohio; granddaughter Zoe Harness of Edon; stepsons Danny, Norman and Joshua Yeager all of Louisville, Ky.; stepfather Rolland "Zip" Sanders of Hamilton; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Larry Harness of Hamilton, Mac Harness of Angola, and Randy and Nicole Harness of Pleasant Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Lance Harness.

A service will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Hamilton Fish and Game Club. Burial will take place in Eddy Cemetery in Hamilton.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with revised information.*

Jonathan Hagerman

LIGONIER — Jonathan Robert Hagerman, 33, of Ligonier died at 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 13, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been taken to the hospital after being stricken unexpectedly Friday at his home.

Mr. Hagerman

Mr. Hagerman spent most of his life in Ligonier and in Paynesville, W.Va., He had been employed at Guardian Industries in Ligonier until becoming disabled in 1993, and also had worked as a general carpenter. He was a member of the Rock of Ages Church of Love.

He was born in Richlands, Va., on Oct. 8, 1973, to Tommy and Leah (Hicks) Hagerman. They survive in Ligonier.

He married Tiffany Vance on Jan. 3, 1994, in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are seven children, Charlie Ray Bailey of San Antonio, Texas, Jonathan Lee Byrd, Crystal Marie Hagerman and Mary Marindia Carlisle, all of Norfolk, Va., and Brittney Dawn Hagerman, Nicholas Robert Hagerman and Madison Andrew Hagerman, all of Ligonier; six brothers and sisters-in-law, Allen and Mary Hagerman, Stephen and Nancy Hagerman, Jeffrey and Betty Hagerman and Michael and Stephanie Hagerman, all of Paynesville, W. Va., Anthony and Chrissy Hagerman of Ligonier and Aaron and Shannon Hagerman of Chicago; and five sisters- and brothers-in-law, Ann and Ron Marshall of Auburn, Sherry and Luther Hagerman of Ocala, Fla., Carolyn and Ernest Vance of Albion, Deleah and Dennis Ratliff of Topeka and Tammi Jo and Estil Pruitt of Ligonier.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; a son Joshua Adam Hagerman in 1993; two sisters, Madlene Hagerman and Ethelene Hagerman; a brother, Mark Hagerman; and a brother-in-law, Charles Gross.

Services will be today at 6 p.m. in his parents' home at 8919 N. C.R. 450W, Ligonier, with Russell Hicks and Elbert Hagerman officiating.

Calling will be today after 4 p.m. at the home.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home of Churubusco is handling arrangements.

Additional services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Bright Morning Star Baptist Church in Paynesville, W.Va., with calling there Tuesday after 6 p.m.

Burial will be in Hagerman Cemetery in Beartown, W.Va.

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Daryl Dove

AUBURN — Daryl D. Dove, 53, of Auburn died Saturday, July 14, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Dove worked at SPX Contech in Auburn. He was a former emergency medical technician.

A 1972 graduate of Eastside High School, he was an avid sportsman and fisherman. He loved Indiana University basketball, Colts football and spending time with his grandchildren

He was born Nov. 13, 1953, in Bryan, Ohio, to Authur and Esther (Young) Dove. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are three sons, Brad Dove and his wife, Hollie, of Fort Wayne, Chris Dove and his girlfriend, Doreen DuBois, of Butler, and Dan Dove and his wife, Janice, of St. Joe; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Larry and Kat Dove of Butler, Gary Dove of Butler, David and Lori Dove of Angola and Jim and Tari Dove of Butler; a sister, Deanna Dohner of Garrett; eight grandchildren, Harrison Dove, Claire Dove, Jorden Dove, Alex Nodine, Nick Nodine, Holly Burns, Justin DuBois and Gavin DuBois; and a special friend, Shirley Ginder of Fort Wayne, and her family, whom he considered part of his own family.

Services will be Wednesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Edon Cemetery in Edon, Ohio.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home

Memorials are to the family.

Emma Jean Chrisman

Mrs. Chrisman

EDON, Ohio — Emma Jean Chrisman, 82, formerly a longtime resident of Edon, Ohio, died at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 13, 2007, in Baptist Hospital East in Louisville, Ky., where she was a patient.

Mrs. Chrisman was employed by Bryan Custom Plastics as a line inspector, retiring in 1990 with 35 years of service. She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Edon, Ohio, and the Edon American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born on March 29, 1925, in Montpelier, Ohio, the daughter of Dale Glover and Grace Mae (Duke) Knecht.

She married Edgar Dale Chrisman on Aug. 23, 1946, in Archbold, Ohio. He died in 2000.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Connie and Bill Hatch of Hurricane City, Utah, Cynthia Dora of Tustin, Calif., Cathy and Mac Johnson of Louisville, Ky., and Betty and David Hake of Crocker, Mo.; one son, William Chrisman of Angola; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; eight stepgreat-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; four sisters, her twin, Mary Jane Link of Leesburg, Fla., Ruth Swank of Edon, Ohio, Shirley Smith of Englewood, Colo., and Sally Schoonover of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by five sisters, Dorothy Knisley, Donna Kirkwood, Marjorie Rieke, June Lucas and Caryl Hyland; one brother, Russell Knecht; a son-in-law, Roger Dora; and a great-grandson, Shae Benson.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Edon, Ohio, with Pastor Donald Leckrone officiating. Burial will follow in Edon Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home in Edon, Ohio.

Memorials are St. Peter's Lutheran Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Clayton Walkup

KENDALLVILLE — Clayton Walkup, 84, of Kendallville died Thursday, July 12, 2007, at North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehab Center in Albion.

Mr. Walkup

Mr. Walkup had retired from Auburn Gear in 1988.

He was a World War II United States Army veteran and an expert marksman.

Mr. Walkup was a member of the American Legion Post in Lady Lake, Fla.

He loved spending time with his family, playing cards, hunting, fishing and playing golf. He also enjoyed taking care of his yard and flowers and gardening.

He was born in Crawley, W.Va., on April 13, 1923, to Charles and Birdie Armitta (Keyes) Walkup. He married Ella Louise Osborne on Aug. 15, 1947, in Crawley. She died Jan. 31, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Brenda and Ed Froelich and Kathy Zimmerman, all of Kendallville; a sister, Ruth Hall of Belle, W.Va.; a sister-in-law, Pearl Walkup Schmader of Kendallville; two grandsons, Todd Froelich of Kendallville and Arthur Allen of Wisconsin; two granddaughters and their husbands, Amy and Neal Sloffer of Fort Wayne and Stacy and Brian Natkin of Wichita Falls, Texas; three great-grandchildren, Abigail, Zachary and Mackenzie Sloffer, all of Fort Wayne; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Barbara Allen on Oct. 31, 2004, and a grandson, Shane Zimmerman on June 25, 1982. Also preceding him in death were his brothers, Billy, Ray, Roy, Phil, Howard, Loren, Lake and Lawrence; and his sisters, Ethel, Gertie, Alice, Madeline and Enna.

Services were today at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Clothier officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice, North Ridge Village Nursing Home and Rehab Center or to the donor's choice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Rosa Gingrich

MARSHALL, Mich. — Rosa V. Gingrich, 94, of Marshall, Mich., and formerly of Auburn died Sunday, July 8, 2007, at Hospice Northwest of Ohio in Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Gingrich worked at Lyle Leas Grocery Store in Auburn, Freddie's Market in Marshall, Mich., and the State Farm Insurance Co.'s regional office in Marshall until retiring in 1977. After retirement she started doing private catering and catered many private parties and events for State Farm.

She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Marshall, where she volunteered her time at many events, including dinners. She also was a member of the Oaklawn Hospital Auxiliary, where she volunteered for many hours. As a member and past Worthy Matron of Eudora Chapter 385 Order of the Eastern Star, she served on two state committees, the Sunshine Committee of Grand Chapter and as Grand Representative to New Hampshire in Michigan. She was a member of the Pythian Sisters in Marshall. Until recently would drive her friends to appointments, an evidence of her willingness to help almost anyone in need.

She enjoyed time with her family and loved to cook and sew, making many items of her daughters' clothing.

She grew up in Avilla and graduated from Avilla High School as valedictorian of the class of 1932.

She was born Aug. 14, 1912, in Burkett to Franklin and Roxie (Snider) Miller.

She married Dale I. Gingrich on Oct. 3, 1935. They volunteered to be the first couple married as part of the Auburn fair in a public ceremony. She had said it was the only way they could afford a wedding ceremony, because everything was donated by the fair.

They lived in Auburn untl the late 1950s, when they moved to Marshall, Mich. Their marriage ended in divorce in 1964.

Surviving are a daughter, Sally L. Ferguson of Toledo, Ohio; two grandchildren and their spouses, Paul Douglas and Karen Williams of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Teresa L. and George Cross of Holland, Ohio; and six great-grandchildren and spouses, Bridgett and Brian Mitchell of Sylvania, Ohio, George and Dana Cross of Fountain, Colo., Conor Williams of Brooklyn, N.Y., Tyler Williams of Boston, Mass., Evan Williams of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Griffin Williams of Kalamazoo; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Jane L. Russell, on Jan. 20, 1992; and a sister, Thelma Johns.

Services were held Thursday, July 12, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Church with the Rev. Leonard Brinkmoeller officiating. Doug Williams, Conor Williams, Tyler Williams, Evan Williams, George Cross and Fred Peek were pallbearers. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

An Eastern Star service was held at Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home, 103 E. Mansion St., Marshall, Mich., Wednesday evening.

Memorials are to Trinity Church. Assistance with memorials is available at the funeral home.

An online guest register may be signed at www.kempffuneralhome.com.

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Ora Bontrager

LAGRANGE — Ora J.K. Bontrager, 95, of LaGrange died at 10:35 a.m. Saturday, July 14, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Bontrager

Mr. Bontrager had lived most of his life in LaGrange County and had been a carpenter and farmer.

He was born Sept. 9, 1911, in Kansas to Jacob T. and Sarah (Miller) Bontrager. He first married Katie Fry on Feb. 14, 1935, in Kansas. She died Feb. 21, 1982. He then married Dorothy VanGordon on Oct. 25, 1986, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and a son-in-law, Ada Schrock of Minnesota, Mary Colwell of Mississippi, Ola Cosby of Sturgis, Mich., Bessie Lehman of South Carolina and Jim and Velma Larimer of Michigan; nine sons and seven daughters-in-law, Ellis and Ruby Bontrager of Bristol, Eldon Bontrager of Florida, Elvie and Ruby Bontrager of Middlebury, Allen Bontrager of Arizona, Elroy and Michelle Bontrager of Goshen, Albert and Patti Bontrager of Wakarusa, Verlo and Linda Bontrager of LaGrange and Cletus and Brenda Bontrager, all of LaGrange, and Marlin and Brenda Bontrager of Hudson; four stepdaughters and their spouses, Esther and Odell Lakes of Carmel, Joy and David Bellinski of Hartford City, Nancy and Mike Lager of Virginia and Sharon VanGordon of Muncie; three stepsons and their spouses, John and Toni VanGordon of Keystone and David and Cindy VanGordon and Mike and Robin VanGordon, all of Hartford City; a sister, Ola Fry of Topeka; a brother, Ira Bontrager of LaGrange; 36 grandchildren; 69 great-grandchildren; 12 stepgrandchildren; and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; three sons-in-law and a grandchild.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Maple Grove Church in Topeka with the Rev. Dwight Kauffman officiating.

Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery at Topeka. Pallbearers will be Mr. Bontrager's grandsons, Keith Bontrager, Mark Cosby, Evan Bontrager, Justin Bontrager, Josh Bontrager and Kaleb Bontrager.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the church and one hour prior to services Tuesday.

Memorials are to Mentor Moms of LaGrange County, 109 E. Central Ave., LaGrange, IN 46761.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences are to condolences@earthlink.net.

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Farming accident kills Amish boy

LAGRANGE — A 12-year-old Amish boy died at 3:40 p.m. Saturday as a result of a farming accident.

According to the Indiana State Police, Marion F. Yoder, son of Ferman and Vera Mae Yoder of South C.R. 00EW, LaGrange suffered head injuries in the accident and was taken to Parkview LaGrange Hospital, where he died.

A two-horse team was pulling a hay rake on C.R. 50W at S.R. 3 and was spooked and ran at full gallop. Yoder, who would have started sixth grade in the fall, apparently attempted to jump off the hay rake but landed poorly and suffered a broken neck, state police said.

A full obituary appears in today's News-Sun.

Marion Yoder

LAGRANGE — Marion F. Yoder, 12, of LaGrange died Saturday, July 14, 2007, as a result of injuries he sustained in a wagon accident on Hawpatch Road in LaGrange County.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church and had completed fifth grade.

He was born Sept. 14, 1994, to Ferman and Vera Mae (Miller) Yoder. They survive in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mary Beth Yoder and Norma Jean Yoder, both at home; three brothers, Wayne Ray Yoder, Ernest J. Yoder and Samuel F. Yoder, all at home; maternal grandparents, Orva H. and Freeda Miller of LaGrange; and paternal grandparents, Fred W. and Elsie Yoder of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Orva Lee Yoder; and a grandmother, Elizabeth (Mast) Miller.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Samuel Miller residence, 1585 S. C.R. 00EW, with Bishop Glen Miller and home ministers officiating.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family residence.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences are to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Diane Kessler

AUBURN — Diane B. Kessler, 71, of Auburn died Monday, July 16, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Kessler was a homemaker and a former secretary for Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, where she was a member. Before working at the church, she worked for the first cable television company in Auburn.

She was born June 29, 1936, in Auburn to James W. and Joan (Pence) Benson. They preceded her in death.

She married Joseph D. Kessler on Sept. 18, 1956, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Joel and Kathy Kessler of Auburn and Timothy and Laura Kessler of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and John Davidson of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Mary Benson of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Darcy Davidson and Benjamin Davidson, both of Auburn.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Babasino Fernandez will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Martin's Health Care Services.

Lyda Book

ANGOLA — Lyda Belle Book, 89, of Angola, died Monday, July 16, 2007, at Lakeland Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

Ms. Book was born Oct. 8, 1917, in DeKalb County.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include the time of services. We apologize for an error in Monday's edition.*

Daryl Dove

AUBURN — Daryl D. Dove, 53, of Auburn died Saturday, July 14, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Dove worked at SPX Contech in Auburn. He was a former emergency medical technician.

A 1972 graduate of Eastside High School, he was an avid sportsman and fisherman. He loved Indiana University basketball, Colts football and spending time with his grandchildren

He was born Nov. 13, 1953, in Bryan, Ohio, to Authur and Esther (Young) Dove. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are three sons, Brad Dove and his wife, Hollie, of Fort Wayne, Chris Dove and his girlfriend, Doreen DuBois, of Butler, and Dan Dove and his wife, Janice, of St. Joe; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Larry and Kat Dove of Butler, Gary Dove of Butler, David and Lori Dove of Angola and Jim and Tari Dove of Butler; a sister, Deanna Dohner of Garrett; eight grandchildren, Harrison Dove, Claire Dove, Jorden Dove, Alex Nodine, Nick Nodine, Holly Burns, Justin DuBois and Gavin DuBois; and a special friend, Shirley Ginder of Fort Wayne, and her family, whom he considered part of his own family.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Edon Cemetery in Edon, Ohio.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home

Memorials are to the family.

THE NEWS SUN
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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to reflect a change in service location.*

DeWayne Harness

HAMILTON — DeWayne Lee Harness, 52, of Hamilton died Saturday, July 14, 2007, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Harness

Mr. Harness was a factory worker and a U.S. Army veteran.

He was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was born on Aug. 15, 1954, in Parker to Gaylord and Suzanne (Meeks) Harness. He married Cecilia Brady in March 2006 in Hamilton. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Kreston Harness of Butler; a daughter, Deserie Harness of Edon, Ohio; granddaughter Zoe Harness of Edon; stepsons Danny, Norman and Joshua Yeager all of Louisville, Ky.; stepfather Rolland "Zip" Sanders of Hamilton; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Larry Harness of Hamilton, Mac Harness of Angola, and Randy and Nicole Harness of Pleasant Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Lance Harness.

Service will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Hamilton United Methodist Church with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery in Hamilton.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

David Smith

AUBURN — David L. Smith, 63, died Saturday, July 14, 2007, in Auburn.

Mr. Smith was a laborer with Alliance Industries for five years. He was a member of the Human Rights Committee and Dayspring Community Church of Auburn.

He was born Aug. 30, 1943, in Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Marie Smith of Auburn.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Covington Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Jerry Lewis Telethon.

Eleanor Naugler

WOLF LAKE — Eleanor F. Naugler, 90, of Wolf Lake died at 5:35 a.m. Monday, July 16, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Mrs. Naugler lived in the Wolf Lake area since 1991. Prior to that she had lived in Maine, Louisville, Ky., and Fort Wayne.

She had served as secretary for Naugler-Titus Sawmill in Wolf Lake.

Mrs. Naugler was a 1935 graduate of Bangor High School and had attended the Maine School of Commerce in Bangor.

She was a member of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church and the Pasadena, Fla., United Methodist Church Women's Society. She was involved with the Gideon's Auxiliary Noble County Camp.

She was born April 14, 1916, in Booth Bay Harbor, Maine, to Augustus and Iva (Stairs) Skillins. She married Allan J. Naugler on May 4, 1940, in Bangor, Maine. He died Oct. 9, 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Jane Naugler of Cromwell; a daughter and son-in-law, Trenna and David Titus of Warsaw; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a son, Richard Allan Naugler.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Brenda Ginder officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Gideon's International or Wolf Lake United Methodist Church.

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Virginia Gick

MONGO — Virginia Gick, 87, of Mongo died Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Gick had lived in Mongo most of her life.

Mrs. Gick

She was a farmer with Haskins Farms and Produce of Mongo.

Mrs. Gick was a member of Mongo United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

She was born Oct. 27, 1919, in LaGrange to Herman and Bessie (McKinley) Haskins.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Gerald Johnson of Mongo; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Sandra Gick of Howe and Gerald and Maria Haskins of Ingleside, Texas; six grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Gerald "Red" Haskins on May 13, 1980.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Mongo United Methodist Church with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in K of P Cemetery at Mongo.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Mongo United Methodist Church or the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Mark Crowl

VANDALIA, Mich. — Mark Allen "Big Dog" Crowl, 36, of Vandalia, Mich., died Sunday, July 15, 2007, when he accidentally drowned in a pond at his home.

Mr. Crowl was a senior technical specialist with SECO Tools. He moved to the Vandalia area in 1989 from Hamilton.

He was a 1993 graduate of Bethel College in Mishawaka and played on the college basketball team. He was a member of the Bristol United Methodist Church. He coached both Rockett Football and Junior Pro Basketball in Constantine, Mich. He was a former Cub Scout leader with Pack 410 in Constantine and was a member of the Airline Snowmobile Club. He was an outdoorsman and loved hunting, fishing, boating, and spending time with his family and friends. He was known for his uplifting spirit and willingness to help anyone in need.

He was born June 2, 1971, in Angola to Jerry and Arlene (Overholtz) Crowl. They survive in Butler.

He married his best friend, Wendy Kay Latson, on Aug. 5, 2006, in their home in Vandalia, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Matthew Crowl, Michael Crowl and Hunter Lindbert, all at home; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Keith and Wanda Crowl and Bruce and Renee Crowl, all of Hamilton; and aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

Services will be Thursday at 6 p.m. in Connelly Funeral Home, 202 N. Broadway, Cassopolis, Mich., with Pastor Fred Stayton officiating. Cremation will follow the funeral service.

Calling will be today from 5-8 p.m. and Thursday from 5-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family for a scholarship fund that will be created for Mr. Crowl's children.

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Phyllis Carter

Mrs. Carter

ALBION — Phyllis K. Carter, 84, of Albion died at 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Carter was a former treasurer of Noble County.

She had moved to Noble County in 1942 from Churubusco and was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel.

She was born Nov. 24, 1922, in Churubusco to Art and Edith (Stroh) Bonar. She was married to David Carter for 61 years. He preceded her in death in 2003.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Deb and John Landa of Syracuse; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dennis Carter of Ligonier and Phillip and Cheryl Carter of Fort Wayne; four brothers, JC Bonar and Stanley Bonar, both of Albion, Dale Bonar of Loveland, Colo., and Stephen "Mike" Bonar of Seattle, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, David Carter; and three sisters, Joyce Thomas, Barbara Leatherman and Louise Bonar.

Private family services will be held Thursday with the Rev. Terry Zollman officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's Association or Merriam Christian Chapel.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include the location of calling. We apologize for omitting it in Tuesday's edition.*

Diane Kessler

AUBURN — Diane B. Kessler, 71, of Auburn died Monday, July 16, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Kessler was a homemaker and a former secretary for Immaculate Conception Catholic church, where she is a member. Before working at the church, she worked for the first cable television company in Auburn.

She was born June 29, 1936, in Auburn to James W. and Joan (Pence) Benson. They preceded her in death.

She married Joseph D. Kessler on Sept. 18, 1956, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Joel and Kathy Kessler of Auburn and Timothy and Laura Kessler of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and John Davidson of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Mary Benson of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Darcy Davidson and Benjamin Davidson, both of Auburn.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Babasino Fernandez will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p,m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin at 6 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Martin's Health Care Services.

Junior Witham

LAGRANGE — Junior I. Witham, 84, of LaGrange died at 3:50 a.m. Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

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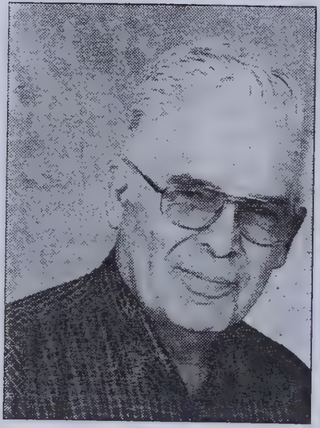

Ralph Stadtfeld,

ALBION — Ralph L. Stadtfeld, 76, of Albion died at 7:10 p.m. Monday, July 9, 2007, at his home near Albion.

Mr. Stadtfeld had moved to the Albion area in 1960 from Remus, Mich. and spent the winter months in Alamo, Texas.

He had retired in 1993 as a machinist at Dana Corp. in Auburn.

Mr. Stadtfeld served as a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps in the Korean War.

He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

Mr. Stadtfeld was an avid collector of toy tractors and member of the Michiana Toy Club. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, family and friends, playing Euchre, Cribbage and telling stories.

He was born July 16, 1930, in Remus, Mich. to Lawrence and Dorothy (Merritt) Stadtfeld. They are deceased. He married Mary E. Campbell on May 3, 1958, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, DeLane and Val Parker of Albion and Dawn Mariage; two sons and daughters-in-law, Eric and Cheryl Stadtfeld of Kendallville and Harold and Melissa Stadtfeld of North Vernon; three sisters, Rosemary Clingerman of Holt, Mich., Elaine (John) Winham of Buxton, NC, and Kathy (Tom) Delaney of Avondale Estates, Ga.; a brother-in-law, Harold Campbell of Albion; and three sisters-in-law, Helen Campbell of Auburn, Carole Campbell of Arco, Idaho, and Maxine Campbell of Paullina, Iowa; and grandchildren, Mark and Dee Eggering, Sherman and Jamie Howard, Benjamin Parker, Jonathan and Koleton Teders, and Bryson, Zachery, Marissa, Grace, Xavier, Caleb and Talon Stadtfeld.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Robert, Curtis and Charles; and a sister, Joyce Pitts.

Services were at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion with Father Joachim Quadros officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with military services by American Legion Post 246.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Blessed Sacrament Educational Fund or Parkview Hospice, Whitley County branch

Lowel E. Gordon, 79

LAOTTO – Lowell E. Gordon, 79, died Thursday, July 12, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendalville.

A Whitley County native, he was a tool and die maker with Miller Tool & Die for 16 years, retiring in 1995.

Mr. Gordon was a member of LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Surviving are his wife, Nondis I. "Nibby" Gordon of LaOtto; four sons and daughters-in-law, Larry E. (Jackie) Gordon of Avilla, Lonnie E. (Barbara) Gordon of Summerville, SC, Lynn E. (Denise) Gordon of Albion and Lee E. (Liberty) Gordon of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Rita M. (Steve) Noel of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and five brothers, Robert Gordon of Larwill, Ronald Gordon of Fairmont, David Gordon of Columbia City, Allen Gordon of Kimmell and Thomas Gordon of Australia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Elizabeth (Carter) Gordon; and a sister, Carolyn Morrison.

Services were at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery.

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Carol H. Todd

LIGONIER – Carol H. Todd, 87 died Thursday, July 12, at 5:23 p.m. in her home. She had been ill for the last 6-8 weeks. She was born in Tollsboro, KY to Bruce and Anna (Keith) Hamrick on April 19, 1920.

On February 28, 1938, she married Charles W. Todd, Sr., he preceeded her on May 19, 2007. Her parents, her husband Charles, two sisters, an infant brother and an infant daughter, Margaret, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Charles (Sonia) W. Todd, Jr., and Joseph (Susan) K. Todd, both of Syracuse; four grandchildren, William V. Todd, Riversie, CA, Joesph K. Todd, Jr., Marsha Todd Austen, Los Angeles, CA and Christine W. Todd, Syracuse; three great-grandchildren, Darien Todd, Orlando, FL, Jack Todd Austen and Nicole P. Austen of Los Angles, CA.

She lived most of her adult life in Elkhart Township in Noble County. She was a Homemaker and she was formerly employed at Monsanto in Ligonier for 10 years. She also worked for Goldens Furniture in Ligonier and she was a life member of The Yarley Club in Wawaka.

The funeral was at the Church of Christ in Ligonier. The Pastor Mel Harrell officated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Noble County Foundation for the Wawaka High School Alumni Scholarship Fund or the church. The Mishler-Eastland Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse was assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.

Clayton Walkup

KENDALLVILLE — Clayton Walkup, 84, of Kendallville died Thursday, July 12, 2007, at North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehab Center in Albion.

Mr. Walkup had retired from Auburn Gear in 1988.

He was a World War II United States Army veteran and an expert marksman.

Mr. Walkup was a member of the American Legion Post in Lady Lake, Fla.

He loved spending time with his family, playing cards, hunting, fishing and playing golf. He also enjoyed taking care of his yard and flowers and gardening.

He was born in Crawley, WV, on April 13, 1923, to Charles and Birdie Armitta (Keyes) Walkup. He married Ella Louise Osborne on Aug. 15, 1947, in Crawley. She died Jan. 31, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Brenda and Ed Froelich and Kathy Zimmerman, all of Kendallville; a sister, Ruth Hall of Belle, WV.; a sister-in-law, Pearl Walkup Schmader of Kendallville; two grandsons, Todd Froelich of Kendallville and Arthur Allen of Wisconsin; two granddaughters and their husbands, Amy and Neal Sloffer of Fort Wayne and Stacy and Brian Natkin of Wichita Falls, Texas; three great-grandchildren, Abigail, Zachary and Mackenzie Sloffer, all of Fort Wayne; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Barbara Allen on Oct. 31, 2004, and a grandson, Shane Zimmerman on June 25, 1982. Also preceding him in death were his brothers, Billy, Ray, Roy, Phil, Howard, Loren, Lake and Lawrence; and his sisters, Ethel, Gertie, Alice, Madeline and Enna.

Services were at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Clothier officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice, North Ridge Village Nursing Home and Rehab Center or to the donor's choice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Jonathan Robert Hagerman, 33

LIGONIER — Jonathan Robert Hagerman, 33, of Ligonier died at 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 13, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been taken to the hospital after being stricken unexpectedly Friday at his home.

Mr. Hagerman spent most of his life in Ligonier and in Paynesville, W.Va., He had been employed at Guardian Industries in Ligonier until becoming disabled in 1993, and also had worked as a general carpenter. He was a member of the Rock of Ages Church of Love.

He was born in Richlands, Va., on Oct. 8, 1973, to Tommy and Leah (Hicks) Hagerman. They survive in Ligonier.

He married Tiffany Vance on Jan. 3, 1994, in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are seven children, Charlie Ray Bailey of San Antonio, Texas, Jonathan Lee Byrd, Crystal Marie Hagerman and Mary Marindia Carlisle, all of Norfolk, Va., and Brittney Dawn Hagerman, Nicholas Robert Hagerman and Madison Andrew Hagerman, all of Ligonier; six brothers and sisters-in-law, Allen and Mary Hagerman, Stephen and Nancy Hagerman, Jeffrey and Betty Hagerman and Michael and Stephanie Hagerman, all of Paynesville, W. Va., Anthony and Chrissy Hagerman of Ligonier and Aaron and Shannon Hagerman of Chicago; and five sisters-and brothers-in-law, Ann and Ron Marshall of Auburn, Sherry and Luther Hagerman of Ocala, Fla., Carolyn and Ernest Vance of Albion, Deleah and Dennis Ratliff of Topeka and Tammi Jo and Estil Pruitt of Ligonier.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; a son Joshua Adam Hagerman in 1993; two sisters, Madlene Hagerman and Ethelene Hagerman; a brother, Mark Hagerman; and a brother-in-law, Charles Gross.

Services were in his parents' home, with Russell Hicks and Elbert Hagerman officiating.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home of Churubusco handled the arrangements.

Burial was in Hagerman Cemetery in Beartown, W.Va.

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Carlton Gwinnup

KENDALLVILLE — Carlton Eugene Gwinnup, 83, of Kendallville died Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Gwinnup retired from Kraft Foods in 1985 after 22 years of service.

He loved photography and taking pictures of his family, and collecting cameras and old radios. He also enjoyed playing the guitar and singing.

He graduated from Rushville High School in 1940.

Mr. Gwinnup was born in Andersonville, Ind., on Sept. 14, 1923, to Ophir and Esther (Sherwood) Gwinnup. He married Beatrice Marie Shane on Sept. 12, 1943, in Rushville. She died March 8, 2001.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Bill Routsong and Nancy and David Carter, all of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Everett Sizemore of Connersville; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Melissa and John Owen of Noblesville, Michael and Kimberly Routsong of Lafayette, Elizabeth and Abram Gregory of Brownsburg, Nathan and Tara Routsong and Nicholas Routsong, all of Cedar Hills, Utah, Jane and Jamathan Cox of Peru, Ind., Steven and Korey Krieger of Garrett and Stacy and Mike Fry of Kendallville; and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two infant sons, Stephen and Bradley Gwinnup; a granddaughter, Julia Ann McKenzie in July 1974, and a great-granddaughter, Natalie Gregory in October 2004.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with John Owen officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

The Rev. Everett Haines

AUBURN — The Rev. Everett L. Haines, 90, of Auburn died Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

A full obituary will be published in Friday's edition.

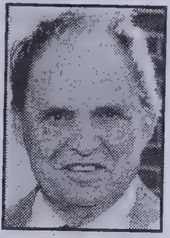
Doyne Kitchen

KENDALLVILLE — Doyne Kitchen, 88, of Kendallville died at 4:35 a.m. today, July 19, 2007, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Dwight Geiger

CHURUBUSCO — Dwight E. Geiger, 79, of Churubusco died at 2:50 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, 2007, Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient since Friday. He had been seriously ill for two weeks.



Mr. Geiger

Mr. Geiger was a lifetime resident of Churubusco.

He had retired after serving 25 years as a mechanic for May Sand & Gravel in Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 1, 1928, in Smith Township to Forest A. and Hazel E. (Pippenger) Geiger. He married Betty R. Caston on Aug. 18, 1951, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Brenda Geiger of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Diane McClain of Churubusco; a brother and sister-in-law, Ervin and Ruth Geiger of Columbia City; a sister and brother-in-law, Alverda and Dailey Fogel of Churubusco; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Lavelda Zurzulo and Marcella Mae Baughman; an infant brother, Allen Geiger; and a grandson, Justin T. Geiger.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Edward A. Thompson, pastor of Good News Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorial are to the Good News Baptist Church in Churubusco.

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Clarence Geiger

CLEAR LAKE — Clarence J. "Hymie" Geiger, 84, of Clear Lake died Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Geiger was co-owner of Geiger Electric.

He was a life member of the VFW No. 3360 in Defiance, Ohio, American Legion Post No. 117 in Defiance, the Defiance County Fish and Game Club and the Defiance Artist Society. He attended St. Mary's Catholic Church in Defiance and St. Paul Catholic Church in Fremont with his wife.

He was born Jan. 28, 1923, in Henry County, Ohio, to Harvey and Edith Rohr Geiger. He married Beatrice Gray and May 29, 1948. She died on Oct. 14, 2004.

He is survived by four sons and three daughters-in-law, Dave and Delinda Geiger and Robert and Sally Geiger, all of Defiance, and Bill and Chris Geiger and Jim Geiger, all of Clear Lake; a daughter and son-in-law, Chris and Brad Jennings of New Castle, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Virgil Geiger; and a sister, Ruth Cupp.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church in Defiance, with the Rev. Donald Luhring officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Defiance, with VFW Post No. 3360 providing graveside services.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-8 p.m. Friday at Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home in Defiance, as well as an hour before the service at the church.

Memorials are to the Kasota Island Endowment Fund, the American Cancer Society or the Defiance Artists Society.

Condolences may be left at www.mastmockhoffman.com.

Betty Shaw

AUBURN — Betty D. Shaw, 87, of Auburn, died Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Born in Auburn, she was a packer for the County Line Cheese factory for 18 years, retiring in 1982. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1938.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda Price of Waterloo; a son, Terry Thomas of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Lanie Thomas of Rome City, Aaron Price and Ryan Price, both of Waterloo, and John Thomas of Ashley; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two brothers, Howard and Dick Poppele; a granddaughter, Chelse;, and two sisters, Virginia Wing and Irene Olinger.

Graveside services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery, 1605 S. Center St., Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Dorotha Shirley

AUBURN — Dorotha B. Shirley, 92, of Auburn died Tueday, July 17, 2007, at Wesley HealthCare in Auburn.

Mrs. Shirley co-owned and operated the Lakeside Grocery Store at Lake James for eight years. She was the manager of retail at the 76 Truck Stop in Fremont for seven years.

She was baptized at Hicksville (Ohio) United Methodist Church and attended there until 1937. She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church from 1958 to 1981. She then moved to Cullman, Ala., and became an active member and volunteer of the Cullman United Methodist Church from 1982 to 1990. She attended the United Methodist Church in Andalusia, Ala., from 1991 to 2004. She also was a member of the DAV Auxiliary.

She was born March 19, 1915, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Charles E. and Ada (Banks) Sinn.

She married Henry L. "Hank" Shirley in Nappanee on April 23, 1937. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Suzanne Shirley of Waterloo; a daughter, Laurel Bolles of Indianapolis; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Lowell Sinn.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Dave Cole will officiate. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery at Hicksville, Ohio.

Calling will be Saturday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Ruth Fiandt

ANGOLA — Ruth E. Fiandt, 93, of Angola died Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at Lakeland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Fiandt was the manager at Fred Smith's Gifts in Angola.

She was a member of the Angola Christian Church.

She was born on March 16, 1914, to Howard and Pansy (Pierce) Roy. She married Kenneth Fiandt. He died on Aug. 29, 1982.

She is survived by a son, John Fiandt of Angola.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Margaret Roy; and a brother, Ronald Roy.

Services will be held graveside at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola on Saturday at 10:30 a.m., with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the Well Child Clinic of Steuben County.

Dale Beamer

HAMILTON — Dale LeRoy Beamer, 81, of Hamilton died Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Beamer worked as an assembler for International Harvester for 40 years, retiring in 1985. He served in the U.S. Army from February 1945 to December 1946. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts in Fort Wayne.

He was born May 6, 1926, in Churubusco to Harry and Ethel M. (McClure) Beamer. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret M. (Knoedler) Brandon Beamer, in Hamilton, and four sons, Harry, Christopher, Andrew and Scott Beamer.

There will be no calling or funeral services.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Junior Witham

LAGRANGE — Junior I. Witham, 84, of LaGrange died at 3:40 a.m. Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Witham had retired from Wells Cargo after 30 years of service.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Mr. Witham was a U.S. Army veteran. He had received the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Unit Award and the Victory Medal.

He was born June 26, 1923, in Medora, Ind., to James E. and Rosabell (Saunders) Witham. He married Joyce M. Miller on April 10, 1948, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Earl Sr. and Doris Witham of LaGrange; a sister, Mary Weldy of Goshen; two sisters-in-law, Donnabelle Witham and Marty Witham; two grandsons, Earl Witham Jr. and Craig Witham, both of LaGrange; eight great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six sisters, Dorabell, Rose, Cathrin, Trella, Zina and Ruth; and six brothers, Calvin, Harrold, James, Lorence, John and Benny.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield Sr. officiating. Burial will be in Mongo Cemetery with military rites by American Legion Post 215. Members of Post 215 will serve as pallbearers.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to any hospice.

Condolences are to Condolences@earthlink.net.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
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Thomas Reed

LIGONIER — Thomas A. Reed, 77, a resident near Ligonier, died at 6:15 a.m. Friday, July 13, 2007, at the Goshen General Hospital.

He was employed by the McCray Refrigeration Co. in Kendallville from 1947 to 1951, when he entered the U.S. Army serving in Korea from 1951 to 1953. Following his discharge from military duty, he was employed by the J.I. Case Company in Churubusco, Barker Firestone Store in Kendallville, then for 39 years at Monsanto, retiring from Silgan Corporation in Ligonier. He was a member of the Ligonier Evangelical Church and was an avid collector of Lionel trains.

Mr. Reed was born Dec. 21, 1929, in Kendallville, a son of Charles Guy and Gertrude Fyke Reed. His early life was spent in Kendallville and Avilla, where he graduated from high school in 1947. He married Mary C. Adams on Aug. 5, 1961, and they have always made their home in Ligonier. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Clint and Nikki Reed of Wichita, Kansas, and Thomas Clark and RaeAnn Reed of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Dale Fought of Ligonier; four grandchildren, Andrew Reed, Bryan Reed, Russell Fought and Lauren Fought; three step-grandchildren, Matt and Amy Gaff, Nick Gaff and Jenny Gaff.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two grandchildren, Sara and Bradley Fought.

Services were Tuesday in the Ligonier Evangelical Church, with the Rev. David Kushman officiating. The burial was in the Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City with the Whitley County Korean War Veterans presenting military honors at the graveside.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospital Hospice.

Arrangements are by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Condolences may be to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Carol Todd

LIGONIER — Carol H. Todd, 87, of Ligonier died at 5:23 p.m. Thursday, July 12, 2007, at her home. She had been ill for the last six to eight weeks.

Mrs. Todd

Mrs. Todd lived most of her adult life in Elkhart Township in Noble County. She was a homemaker and was formerly employed at Monsanto in Ligonier for 10 years. She also worked for Goldens Furniture in Ligonier and was a life member of The Yarley Club in Wawaka.

She was born April 19, 1920, in Tollsboro, Ky., to Bruce and Anna (Keith) Hamrick.

She married Charles W. Todd Sr. on Feb. 28, 1938. He preceded her in death on May 19, 2007.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Sonia W. Todd Jr. and Joseph and Susan K. Todd, all of Syracuse; four grandchildren, William V. Todd of Riverside, Calif., Joseph K. Todd Jr. and Marsha Todd Austen, both of Los Angeles, Calif., and Christine W. Todd of Syracuse; three great-grandchildren, Darien Todd of Orlando, Fla., Jack Todd Austen and Nicole P. Austen, both of Los Angeles, Calif.

Also preceding her in death were two sisters, an infant brother and an infant daughter, Margaret.

Services were Wednesday at the Church of Christ, with the Rev. Mel Harrell officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Noble County Foundation for the Wawaka High School Alumni Scholarship Fund or the church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishler-funeralhomes.com.

Arrangements were made by Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
July 19, 2007, Thursday

Jonathan Hagerman

LIGONIER — Jonathan Robert Hagerman, 33, of Ligonier, died early Saturday, July 14, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hagerman

He had been employed at Guardian Industries in Ligonier until becoming disabled in 1993, and had also worked as a general carpenter. He was a member of the Rock of Ages Church of Love in Ligonier.

Mr. Hagerman was born in Richlands, Va., on Oct. 8, 1973, the son of Tommy and Leah (Hicks) Hagerman, and they survive in Ligonier. He spent most of his life in Ligonier and Paynesville, W.V. He married Tiffany Vance in Albion Jan. 3, 1994, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Charlie Ray Bailey of San Antonio, Texas, Jonathan Lee Byrd of Norfolk, Va., and Nicholas Robert Hagerman and Madison Andrew Hagerman, both of Ligonier; three daughters, Crystal Marie Hagerman and Mary Marindia Carlisle of Norfolk, and Brittney Dawn Hagerman of Ligonier; six brothers and sisters-in-law, Allen and Mary Hagerman, Stephen and Nancy Hagerman, Jeffrey and Betty Hagerman and Michael and Stephanie Hagerman, all of Paynesville, Anthony and Chrissy Hagerman of Ligonier, and Aaron and Shannon Hagerman of Chicago; five sisters and brothers-in-law, Ann and Ron Marshall of Auburn, Sherry and Luther Hagerman of Ocala, Fla., Carolyn and Ernest Vance of Albion, Deleah and Dennis Ratliff of Topeka, and Tommi Jo and Estil Pruitt of Ligonier.

In addition to his grandparents, he was preceded in death by a son, Joshua Adam Hagerman in 1993; two sisters, Madlene Hagerman and Ethelene Hagerman; a brother, Mark Hagerman; and a brother-in-law Charles Gross.

Mr. Hagerman's funeral was held Monday at the family residence with Russell Hicks and Elbert Hagerman officiating. Final services were held Wednesday at the Bright Morning Star Church in Paynesville.

Burial will be in the Hagerman Cemetery, Beartown, W.Va.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
July 19, 2007, Thursday

Eleanor Naugler

WOLF LAKE — Eleanor F. Naugler, 90, of Wolf Lake died at 5:35 a.m. Monday, July 16, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Mrs. Naugler lived in the Wolf Lake area since 1991. Prior to that she had lived in Maine, Louisville, Ky., and Fort Wayne.

She had served as secretary for Naugler-Titus Sawmill in Wolf Lake.

Mrs. Naugler was a 1935 graduate of Bangor High School and had attended the Maine School of Commerce in Bangor.

She was a member of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church and the Pasadena, Fla., United Methodist Church Women's Society. She was involved with the Gideon's Auxiliary Noble County Camp.

She was born April 14, 1916, in Booth Bay Harbor, Maine, to Augustus and Iva (Stairs) Skillins. She married Allan J. Naugler on May 4, 1940, in Bangor, Maine. He died Oct. 9, 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Jane Naugler of Cromwell; a daughter and son-in-law, Trenna and David Titus of Warsaw; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a son, Richard Allan Naugler.

Services were Wednesday at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Brenda Ginder officiating. Burial was in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to Gideon's International or Wolf Lake United Methodist Church.

Phyllis Carter

ALBION — Phyllis K. Carter, 84, of Albion died at 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Carter was a former treasurer of Noble County.

She had moved to Noble County in 1942 from Churubusco and was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel.

She was born Nov. 24, 1922, in Churubusco to Art and Edith (Stroh) Bonar. She was married to David Carter for 61 years. He preceded her in death in 2003.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Deb and John Landa of Syracuse; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dennis Carter of Ligonier and Phillip and Cheryl Carter of Fort Wayne; four brothers, JC Bonar and Stanley Bonar, both of Albion, Dale Bonar of Loveland, Colo., and Stephen "Mike" Bonar of Seattle, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, David Carter; and three sisters, Joyce Thomas, Barbara Leatherman and Louise Bonar.

Private family services will be held today, Thursday, with the Rev. Terry Zollman officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's Association or Merriam Christian Chapel.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 20, 2007, Friday

Doyne Kitchen

KENDALLVILLE — Doyne A. Kitchen, 88, of Kendallville died Thursday, July 19, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Kitchen owned and operated Kitchen TV and Appliance in Wolcottville for 37 years. He also was a farmer and worked at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville in his earlier days.

Mr. Kitchen

He was a family man who enjoyed gardening, mowing the grass and taking care of his yard, fishing, camping and playing golf. He loved to go dancing and will be remembered for his great sense of humor.

Mr. Kitchen was a member of Faith United Methodist Church and a lifetime member of Moose Lodge 1301 of Kendallville.

He graduated from Wolcottville High School.

Mr. Kitchen was born in LaGrange County on June 18, 1919, to Aaron Davis and Mary Magdalene (Fisher) Kitchen. He married Evelyn Mae Hoover on April 12, 1941. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three daughters, Connie and Harold Doutt of Albion, Julie and Tim Pease of Kendallville and Vicki Lash and her companion, Curtis Setser, of Kendallville; a son, Rodney and Connie Kitchen of Wolcottville; nine grandchildren, Brian Beckley of Indianapolis, Carie Beckley of Brimfield, Andrea and Paul Hendrixson of Cumming, Ga., Mark and Heather Pease of Grand Haven, Mich., Kristin Pease of Fort Wayne, Jeni and Jeremy Cripe of Kendallville, Angie Lash of Fort Wayne, Tara and Shannon Layne of Goshen, and Aaron and Whittany Kitchen of Kendallville; seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Phyllis Brandt of Port Charlotte, Fla. and Marjorie Rowlison of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Margaret Hoy and Mary Kathryn Kitchen; and a brother, Jack Kitchen.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Leon Pomeroy officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 1-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with Moose Lodge services at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice or to Faith United Methodist Church.

View a video tribute (after Sunday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Stephen Hopkins

ALBION — Stephen M. Hopkins, 59, of Albion died Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at 7:10 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hopkins was the director of religious education at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and had a special interest in instructing children, high school youths and adults in the initiation of new members.

Born on Oct. 7, 1947, he was a native on Logansport. He graduated in 1969 from Purdue University after studying engineering.

He enjoyed traveling, golfing, reading, fishing and spending time with his family and friends.

Surviving are two daughters, Allison Hopkins of Noblesville and Stephanie Joedecke of Braselton, Ga.; a son, John Hopkins of Edgewater, Fla.; a granddaughter Alexis Hopkins of Noblesville; his father, William T. Hopkins Sr.; two brothers, William "Tuck" Hopkins of Fort Wayne and Robert Hopkins of Springboro, Ohio; a sister, Susan Lou Bernhold of Minster, Ohio; and the mother of his children Vicky Hopkins of Edgewater, Fla. He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Lou Hopkins; two brothers, John and Michael Hopkins; and a sister, Mary Beth Fitzpatrick.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. Burial will be at 4 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery in Logansport.

Calling will be from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trailridge Road. Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to the Blessed Sacrament Parish, attention Steve Hopkins Memorial Grotto.

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Rev. Everett Haines

AUBURN — The Rev. Everett L. Haines, 90, of Auburn, died Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

The Rev. Haines was a Methodist minister for 22 years, serving area churches until his retirement in 1979. He was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and an associate member of the North Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church.

He was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army, serving in World War II from 1941 to 1945.

He was born Jan. 19, 1917, in LaGrange to Art and Ida (Detterman) Haines. They preceded him in death.

He married Evelyn Sechrist on May 12, 1943, in Warsaw. She died April 1, 2003.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Martha and Allen Albert of Fort Wayne, Nancy Haines of Auburn and Rebecca Flener and Richard Flener Jr. of New Haven; four grandchildren, Mark Albert and his wife, Karen, of LaGrange, Michael Albert of Radcliff, Ky., Jenna Sprowl and her husband, David Paul, of Goose Creek, S.C., and Kristin Flener of New Haven; two great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Austin Albert; a sister, Helen Wagner of Warsaw; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Betty Haines of North Webster and Paul "Bud" and Frances Haines of New Paris.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Haines, and two sisters, Edith Wertenverger and Ethel Yarger.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Clare Jewell officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Martha Hunter

GARRETT — Martha M. "Brownie" Hunter, 85, of Garrett died Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 7:20 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Hunter

Mrs. Hunter was a homemaker and had worked at Stern's clothing store and Sacred Heart Hospital, both in Garrett, in the 1960s and 1970s.

She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and the auxiliaries of the Eagles, Elks and American Legion, all in Garrett. She enjoyed helping with Meals on Wheels and many projects of the Garrett United Methodist Church.

She was born July 19, 1922, in Auburn to John C. and Edna M. (Fry) Brown. She was raised in Auburn and graduated from Auburn High School in 1940.

She married John J. "Joe" Hunter on June 8, 1944, in Mishawaka. He died April 8, 1986.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Victor L. and Linda Hunter of Milwaukee, Wis., and Patrick A. and Wendy Hunter of Corunna; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Elizabeth S. Haislip of Waterloo.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Max S. "Tank" Brown.

Services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Andrew Hunter will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church preschool and elementary education programs.

To send a condolence or sign an online register book, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.com.

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Lucile Wagoner

ZIONSVILLE — Lucile M. Wagoner, 91, of Zionsville, died Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at 7:45 p.m., at Zionsville Meadows.

Mrs. Wagoner taught junior high and high school mathematics and home economics. She began teaching in Flint in 1939. She then was a stay-at-home mother until her daughters were in school, and she returned to teaching. She worked in Milford, Madison Township between Elkhart and South Bend, Bremen and in two schools in South Bend, retiring as a teacher at LaSalle High School.

She and her husband then moved to live on the family farm near Waterloo. She lived in Fort Wayne from 1998 until she moved to Village Christian Park, now known as Zionsville Meadows, in 2001. In addition to her family, she enjoyed sewing and reading.

Mrs. Wagoner spent her early years in Portland and graduated from Portland High School in 1933. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Ball State University in 1939. She completed work on a Master of Science degree in education at Indiana University in 1964.

She was born Nov. 18, 1915, in Portland to Homer Harold and Gertrude Amanda (Metz) Smith. They preceded her in death.

She married Dale Monrue Wagoner in June 29, 1940, in Bloomington. He died July 13, 1983.

Surviving are two daughters, Lucy Ann Mullahoo of Mililani, Hawaii, and Mary W. Emrick of Whitestown; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Eleanor Smith of Winchester and Dale and Ruth Smith of Deputy; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Virginia Ashley of Daleville, Edith and William Stowers of New Bern, N.C., and Martha Jo and Kermit Ring of Portland; three grandchildren, Steven B. Mullahoo and his wife, Paula, of Milford, Mass., Timothy E. Emrick and his wife, Erika, of Boston, Mass., and Carol Noel Emmert of Anderson; and six great-grandchildren, Steven Mullahoo and James Mullahoo, both of Milford, Mass., Naomi Emrick and Leander Emrick, both of Boston, and Emily Emmert and Arlene Emmert, both of Anderson.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Ralph, Leo, Ray and Duane Smith.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Myers Chapel of Memories, 1502 N., Lebanon St., Lebanon, Ind., with Chaplain Mark Graybiel officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 10 a.m.- noon and 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent at www.myersmortuary.com.

Lyda Book

ANGOLA — Lyda Belle Book, 89, of Angola died Monday, July 16, 2007, at Lakeland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Book was a homemaker.

She was a member of Fairview Missionary Church and enjoyed knitting and crocheting.

She was born Oct. 8, 1917, in DeKalb County to Ezra and Florence (Garman) Zehendner. She married Charles J. Book. He died on March 27, 1988.

She is survived by two sons, John and Robert Book of Angola; two daughters, Donna Thomas of Marion, Ky., and Cindy Duncan of Bradenton, Fla.; a brother, Russell Zehendner of Portage, Mich.; 20 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Larry Book; a grandson, Gregory Book; a great-grandson, Jared Book; and a brother, Robert Zehendner.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola, with the Rev. Mike Cain officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is handling the arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 21, 2007, Saturday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to list a survivor inadvertently omitted by this newspaper. We regret the error.*

Junior Witham

LAGRANGE — Junior I. Witham, 84, of LaGrange died at 3:40 a.m. Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Witham had retired from Wells Cargo after 30 years of service.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Mr. Witham was a U.S. Army veteran. He had received the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Unit Award and the Victory Medal.

He was born June 26, 1923, in Medora, Ind., to James E. and Rosabell (Saunders) Witham. He married Joyce M. Miller on April 10, 1948, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Earl Sr. and Doris Witham of LaGrange; a sister, Mary Weldy of Goshen; two sisters-in-law, Donnabelle Witham and Marty Witham; two grandsons, Earl Witham Jr. and Craig Witham, both of LaGrange; one granddaughter; eight great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six sisters, Dorabell, Rose, Cathrin, Trella, Zina and Ruth; and six brothers, Calvin, Harrold, James, Lorence, John and Benny.

Services will be at 10 a.m. today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield Sr. officiating. Burial will be in Mongo Cemetery with military rites by American Legion Post 215. Members of Post 215 will serve as pallbearers.

Calling was Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to any hospice.

Condolences are to Condolences@earthlink.net.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with new information about memorial donations.*

Martha Hunter

GARRETT — Martha M. "Brownie" Hunter, 85, of Garrett died Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 7:20 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Hunter

Mrs. Hunter was a homemaker and had worked at Stern's clothing store and Sacred Heart Hospital, both in Garrett, in the 1960s and 1970s.

She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and the auxiliaries of the Eagles, Elks and American Legion, all in Garrett. She enjoyed helping with Meals on Wheels and many projects of the Garrett United Methodist Church.

She was born July 19, 1922, in Auburn to John C. and Edna M. (Fry) Brown. She was raised in Auburn and graduated from Auburn High School in 1940.

She married John J. "Joe" Hunter on June 8, 1944, in Mishawaka. He died April 8, 1986.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Victor L. and Linda Hunter of Milwaukee, Wis., and Patrick A. and Wendy Hunter of Corunna; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Elizabeth S. Haislip of Waterloo.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Max S. "Tank" Brown.

Services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Andrew Hunter will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church Children's Department Education Committee.

To send a condolence or sign an online register book, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 22, 2007, Sunday

Great voice, 'wonderful man'

Angola's Singing Lumberjack, Jeff Andrews, dies at 58

simon peter

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Jeff Andrews was a member of the Christian rock band Simon Peter. This plublicity photo was used for the 2006 Praisathon Musicfest, where the band performed. The band played regularly around Steuben County. Other members included Bill Glover, John DeGroff and Dave Hetrick.

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BY TIFFANY YODER
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ANGOLA — Jeff Andrews was known primarily for two things in Steuben County: His singing and timber.

He was involved with numerous bands over the years, including Cupid and the Heartbreakers and the Simon Peter Christian Gospel Band. He also was owner of Forrest Management Lumber Co.

"Everyone around here knows him for those two things," said Jeanette Andrews, his widow.

Known throughout the area as "The Singing Lumberjack," he died Thursday, July 12, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was 58 years old.

"He was just a wonderful man," said Jeanette.

Jeffery had been singing since he was young, and in junior high he started with a band, Cupid and the Heartbreakers, with some friends. The band played covers of much of the music that was out at the time, as well as original music. Jeffery had already started writing his own music at this point.

A special song for Jeffery was "My Back Pages," by the Byrds. Former bandmate Robert Rickman, Pleasant Lake, said the audience response was different when Jeffery played "My Back Pages."

"It was something else when we came out with that song," he said.

While only teenagers, the band had the best equipment they could afford, which sometimes hurt them. They were once disqualified from a talent competition while only in junior high for their sound quality.

"They said we sounded too professional," Robert said.

The band eventually won a recording contract from Fort Wayne and recorded their first set of music. They would rehearse most weekends as well as several hours on weeknights while in school.

Cupid and the Heartbreakers got their first paid job at the Bryan Inn in Bryan, Ohio. Shortly after they were hired at the Starlight Inn in Bryan, Ohio. They started playing every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night.

As the house band, they became so popular that while most of the band was still only 16 years old, they were asked to play Wednesday nights as well.

"That was a fantastic time," Robert said. "We were really, really good."

The crowd's favorite band member was always Andrews. Robert describes Andrews as the most attractive member of the band. He was lead singer, guitarist, and played drums and keyboard on some songs as well.

"He was the leader of the band," said Robert. "He liked being up front, and we all wanted him to be up front."

Andrews continued his music throughout his life, playing with a band that Cupid and the Heartbreakers had idolized. Their entire band eventually joined the same band they had idolized when younger. Jeff would get married later to Jeanette, at which point the band members went their separate ways.

"We kept in touch, though," said Robert.

When Andrews recorded his first album, Robert was able to play on some of his tracks. With Conway Twitty's band as his backup, Robert doesn't question whether Andrews could have been famous had he taken the risk in the volatile music business. The two had been discussing work on a new music project together before Andrews' passing.

Friends since first grade, Robert described Andrews as "a real leader, and real compassionate." Robert also described Andrews as a jokester.

He told the story of a time when Jeffery rode into Skip's Party Place on horseback, while in full Western gear. He got off the horse, said that he didn't have money, but someone should get him a beer anyway. A friend of Skip Hamilton's, he was served.

"Everyone got a big kick out of that," said Robert.

In his later years, Andrews began singing Gospel music. He performed at several area churches with the Simon Peter Band. Jeanette said many people asked which church Jeff belonged to. She said he went to every church he could go to, not only to sing, but just to visit.

"He belonged to all of them," she said.

THE NEWS SUN
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Oscar Johnson

AVILLA — Oscar "Lee" Johnson, 88, of Avilla, died Saturday, July 21, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He had worked at Allied Mills for 22 years before retiring in 1982.

He was born June 6, 1919, in Garrett to Joseph and Marjorie (Richey) Johnson.

He married Leah M. Smith on Dec. 18, 1938. She died May 16, 1999.

He then married Wilma Grothus on Feb. 14, 2000, and she died Aug. 3, 2003.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Larry Johnson of Avilla, Fay and Bonita Johnson of St. Paris, Ohio, and Rex and Darlene Johnson of Hudson; one daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Bob Bugert of LaOtto; a daughter-in-law, Darlene Johnson of Yucipa, Calif.; one brother; Keith Johnson of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Mary Jones of Churubusco, Janet D'Italia of Fort Wayne, and Janice Roberson, of Springfield, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

He was preceded in death by a son, Ken Johnson; two brothers, Paul and Phil Johnson; one sister, Shirley Johnson; and two granddaughters in addition to his parents and wives.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will follow in Riverview Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Galilean Children's Home in Liberty, Ky.

To send a condolence or sign an online register, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Crash claims couple

Hicksville pair among 5 killed in ambulance

PAULDING, Ohio (AP) — An ambulance driver slowed down but failed to cautiously enter a rural intersection where the emergency vehicle struck a semitrailer and caused a fiery crash that killed the driver and four others, authorities said Saturday.

The ambulance was headed to a hospital Friday night with two patients injured from an earlier car wreck when the vehicles collided on a county road about 65 miles southwest of Toledo.

The two patients inside the ambulance were identified as Robert Wells, 64, and Armelda Wells, 60, a married couple from Hicksville.

They were killed, along with ambulance driver Sammy Smith, 64, and two other emergency medical technicians from the village of Antwerp, Heidi McDougall, 31, and Kelly Rager, 25.

The ambulance had its emergency siren and lights turned on as it approached a stop sign, authorities said. Witnesses told investigators that Smith slowed to about 40 mph but continued through the intersection, smashing into the semitrailer, said patrol Sgt. Ray Haas.

Ohio law allows emergency vehicles responding to calls to cautiously go past stop signs or traffic signals as long as the driver shows regard for the safety of others using the road, said patrol Sgt. Cynthia Drake. The accident remains under investigation. The driver of the semitrailer, Gerald Chapman Jr., 54, of Bryant did anything wrong, Haas said.

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Rebecca Jane Muesing-Delp

KENDALLVILLE — Rebecca Jane Muesing-Delp, 80, of Kendallville, died Saturday, July 21, 2007, at her home.

Along with her husband, Mrs. Muesing helped operate and was a bookkeeper for Muesing Farms. She was a farm wife and homemaker and enjoyed raising hens, cooking and baking.

Mrs. Muesing-Delp

A 1945 Kendallville High School graduate, she loved to entertain family and friends and was proficient at playing the violin. She enjoyed her water aerobics class at the YMCA and sang in the choir at Englewood Presbyterian Church.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and the Community Presbyterian Church of Englewood, Fla. She was also a member of the Charm and Chatter Home Extension Club and a former member of Sigma Eta Sorority.

Mrs. Muesing was born May 2, 1927, in Kendallville to Linus and Mildred (Lehner) Kimmel.

She married Robert Walter Muesing on June 15, 1947, at the Lutheran Church in Avilla. He died in 1996.

She then married Richard “Bob” Eugene Delp on March 25, 2003, in Florida, and they spent summers in Kendallville and winters in Englewood, Fla.

Surviving are her husband; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Barbara and Mike Wert of Kendallville, Nancy and Tom Sible of Kendallville, Mary Beth Stevens of Gahanna, Ohio, Natalie and Kent Dilling of Sioux Falls, S.D.; 11 grandchildren and their spouses, Liz and Gary Dielman of Butler, Carrie and Kyle Wert, both of Kendallville, Amanda McCormick of Garland, Tex., Kelly and Chris Wallen of Rome City, Kim and Mike Messer of Avilla, Tim Rogers of Elkhart, Nolan Stevens of Gahanna, Ohio, and Katie Dilling, Travis Dilling and Tye Dilling, all of Sioux Falls, S.D.; eight great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Margaret Griffin of Garrett; four stepdaughters, Susan Aprea of Detroit, Jeanette Anderson and Gina Amador of California and Joann Zellman of Texas; and two stepsons, Gilbert Amador and Richard Amador of California.

She was preceded in death by a brother, William Kimmel, and two sisters, Olive Scott and Phyllis Carter.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Paul Griebel and Robert Shriner officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 3-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or the American Heart Association

To view a video tribute (after Monday) or send condolences to the family, go online to the Web site www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Emily Thomson

GARRETT — Emily G. Thomson, 89, of Garrett died at 3:27 a.m. Saturday, July 21, 2007, at Wesley HealthCare in Auburn.

Mrs. Thomson was a homemaker and member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

She was also a member of the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary, Harvest House and Daughters of Isabella.

She was born July 10, 1918, in Chicago to Joseph and Anna (Zekas) Nieman.

She married Mac Thomson on July 10, 1943, in Chicago. He died Sept. 12, 1977.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Clarence and Kim Thomson of Auburn and Ernest and Lois Thomson of Uniondale; one daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Tom Blust of Garrett; two brothers, Leonard Nieman of Chicago and Daniel Nieman of Manchester, N.H.; one sister, Lorraine Delaune of Las Vegas, Nev.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Stanley and Raymond Nieman, and one sister, Johanna Borowski, in addition to her husband and her parents.

There will be no visitation or services.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

To send a condolence or sign an online register, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 22, 2007, Sunday

Roman Hochstetler

SHIPSHEWANA — Roman J. Hochstetler, 80, of Shipshewana died at 9:21 p.m. Friday, July 20, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mr. Hochstetler was the owner and operator of The Window shop in Shipshewana for many years and was a retired farmer. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Sept. 10, 1926 in Whiteside, Kan., to Joe J. and Fannie (Nisley) Hochstetler.

He married Wilma Lambright on Dec. 28, 1950, in Shipshewana. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Ivan and Katie Hochstetler of Shipshewana; one daughter and son-in-law, Ida Mae and Mervin Hershbeger of Shipshewana; two sisters, Saloma Stutzman of Arcola, Ill., and Susie Davis of Sullivan, Ill.; six brothers and sisters-in-law, Levi and Mary Hochstetler of Tuscola, Ill., Ammon and Katie Hochstetler of Nappanee, Lewis and Elizabeth Hochstetler of Shipshewana, Ora and Nancy Hochstetler of West Farmington, Ohio, Casper and Wilma Hochstetler of Shipshewana, Monroe and Ruby Hochstetler of Sullivan, Ill.; a son-in-law and his wife, Dan and Mary Detweiler of Shipshewana; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren;

He was preceded in death by his parents; two stepmothers; a daughter, Sue Ann Detweiler; a granddaughter, Vonda Detweiler; two brothers, Perry and Enos Hochstetler.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Ivan Hochstetler residence at 1840 North 675 West, Shipshewana, with Bishop Harry Wayne Miller and the Home Ministers officiating. Burial will be in East Barrens Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. Sunday and all day Monday at the family residence.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at millersstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Rebecca Jane Muesing-Delp

KENDALLVILLE — Rebecca Jane Muesing-Delp, 80, of Kendallville, died Saturday, July 21, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Muesing-Delp

Along with her husband, Mrs. Muesing helped operate and was a bookkeeper for Muesing Farms. She was a farm wife and homemaker and enjoyed raising hens, cooking and baking.

A 1945 Kendallville High School graduate, she loved to entertain family and friends and was proficient at playing the violin. She enjoyed her water aerobics class at the YMCA and sang in the choir at Englewood Presbyterian Church.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and the Community Presbyterian Church of Englewood, Fla. She was also a member of the Charm and Chatter Home Extension Club and a former member of Sigma Eta Sorority.

Mrs. Muesing was born May 2, 1927, in Kendallville to Linus and Mildred (Lehner) Kimmel.

She married Robert Walter Muesing on June 15, 1947, at the Lutheran Church in Avilla. He died in 1996.

She then married Richard "Bud" Eugene Delp on March 25, 2003, in Florida, and they spent summers in Kendallville and winters in Englewood, Fla.

Surviving are her husband; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Barbara and Mike Wert of Kendallville, Nancy and Tom Sible of Kendallville, Mary Beth Stevens of Gahanna, Ohio, and Natalie and Kent Dilling of Sioux Falls, S.D.; 11 grandchildren and their spouses; Liz and Gary Dielman of Butler, Carrie and Kyle Wert, both of Kendallville, Amanda McCormick of Garland, Texas., Kelly and Chris Wallen of Rome City, Kim and Mike Messer of Avilla, Tim Rogers of Elkhart, Nolan Stevens of Gahanna, Ohio, and Katie Dilling, Travis Dilling and Tye Dilling, all of Sioux Falls, S.D.; eight great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Margaret Griffin of Garrett; four stepdaughters, Susan Aprea of Detroit, Jeanette Anderson and Gina Amador of California and Joann Zellman of Texas; and two stepsons, Gilbert Amador and Richard Amador of California.

She was preceded in death by a brother, William Kimmel, and two sisters, Olive Scott and Phyllis Carter.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Paul Griebel and Robert Shriner officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be today from 3-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or the American Heart Association

To view a video tribute (after Monday) or send condolences to the family, go online to the Web site www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Kim Branning

FREMONT — Kim Stephen Branning, 53, of Fremont, died Friday, July 20, 2007, at Lakeland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Branning worked for FM Construction in Elkhart.

He was born Sept. 27, 1953, in Fort Wayne to Donald and Beverly (Wiegmann) Branning.

He is survived by four sons, Justin Mansfield of Fremont, Wes Branning and Kyle Branning, both of Angola and Russell Branning of Hamilton; a daughter, Andrea Ledsome of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Gregory Branning of Florida, and Mark Branning of Michigan; and three grandchildren, Jayde, Ava, and Sabella.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

There are no services or calling scheduled. Memorials are to the family, in care of Justin Mansfield.

Kenneth Wallace

WATERLOO — Kenneth Wallace, 64, of Waterloo died unexpectedly Sunday, July 22, 2007, in the emergency room at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

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Virginia Meyer

ALBION — Virginia C. Meyer, 94, of Albion died at 12:05 a.m. Sunday, July 22, 2007, at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Mrs. Meyer had lived in Ligonier since 1964. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of Sugar Grove Church of God, Rovin Red Birds Camping Club and the Rebecca Lodge.

Mrs. Meyer enjoyed camping, traveling, spending time with her family and going to church on Sundays.

She was born Dec. 7, 1912, in Fort Wayne to Casper M. and Agnes A. (Gladbach) Holocher. She married Dale E. Meyer on Dec. 24, 1931. He died April 25, 2001.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Robert Miller and Pat and Duane Norris, all of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Duane and Donna Meyer of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Jeannie Meyer of Churubusco; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Dale R. Meyer, in March 1999; three sisters, Beatrice Miller Velma Homsher and Anita Brandt; and a brother, Donald Holocher.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sugar Grove Church of God near Churubusco with the Rev. Tim Grable officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

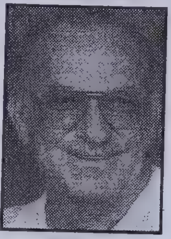
Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Memorials are to Sugar Grove Church of God or the Whitley County Home Health Care & Hospice.

Henry Lunsford

SHIPSHEWANA — Henry A. Lunsford, 81, of Shipshewana died at 1:45 p.m. Saturday, July 21, 2007, at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart.

Mr. Lunsford had worked for General Telephone for 37 years, retiring in 1980.


Mr. Lunsford

He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was born Nov. 19, 1925, in Orange, Ind., to Frank and Callie (Hall) Lunsford. He married Evelyn Paxton on Feb. 20, 1946, in Connersville. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Judy Lunsford of Salem; a son, David Lunsford of Elkhart; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six sisters and four brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. Burial will be in Keightley Cemetery in Shipshewana with military services by American Legion Post 210 in Middlebury.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Donnabell Hill

LIGONIER — Donnabell Rose Hill, 81, of Ligonier died at 10:25 a.m. Sunday, July 22, 2007, at her home with her family at her side.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Doris Marturello

DES MOINES, Iowa — Doris Ray Marturello, 77, of Des Moines, Iowa, died Saturday, July 21, 2007, at Karen Acres Care Center, Urbandale, Iowa.

Mrs. Marturello worked as a market reporter for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Dairy Poultry Market News, Des Moines, until her retirement in 1988.

While she had many passions, she thoroughly enjoyed politics, fishing, dancing, playing cards and family and friends.

Mrs. Marturello was born on Feb. 23, 1930, in Higbee, Mo., the daughter of Steven and Ruby (Jones) Pitney. On June 20, 1948, she married Anthony Marturello in Des Moines and he preceded her in death in November 1983.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Julie Marturello, Snow Lake, and Mark and Kori Marturello, Clive, Iowa; two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Dan Reuppel of Des Moines, and Mary Jo and Steven Johnson of Clive; six grandchildren, Megan, Marian and Meredith Marturello of Clive, Bradley and Kellie Rueppel of Des Moines and Lauren Johnson of Clive; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Brooks Funeral Care, Tonini Chapel, Des Moines, with burial to follow at Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines. Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. today.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the Steuben County Literacy Coalition.

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Kenneth Wallace

WATERLOO — Kenneth R. Wallace, 64, of Waterloo died Sunday, July 22, 2007, in the emergency room at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Wallace

Mr. Wallace had retired in 2006 from Fleetwood Homes in Garrett after 15 years of service.

He had spent most of his life in LaGrange County.

He was born Dec. 28, 1942, in Wayland, Ky., to Frieda Stanley. He married Sue Ritchie on June 4, 1977, in Wolcottville. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Keith and Sheryl Wallace and Kevin Wallace, all of LaGrange, Shawn Wallace of Fort Walton, Fla., and Jason Wallace, at home; and six grandchildren, Lindsey Delancy and Cassie, Lukas, Kayla, Rusty and Gavin Wallace.

He was preceded in death by his mother; a son; and a brother, Walter Stanley Jr.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Community Baptist Church, C.R. 700S, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery. His sons will serve as pallbearers.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Baker

SHIPSHEWANA — Dorothy V. Baker, 90, of Goshen and formerly of Shipshewana died at 6:25 a.m. Monday, July 23, 2007, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Baker

Mrs. Baker was a homemaker and had worked in bookkeeping at Wolf Grain, Shipshewana State Bank and Coachman.

She was a member of Shipshewana United Methodist Church where she played the organ for 60 years.

Mrs. Baker enjoyed painting, golfing and embroidery.

She was born June 29, 1917, in Shipshewana to C. Vernon and Hazel (Hirst) Miller. She married Murl E. Baker on Nov. 23, 1939, in Shipshewana. He died May 11, 1982.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sally and Jerry Hart of Middlebury; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Shipshewana United Methodist Church with the Rev. Charles McPeek officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Shipshewana United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Janet Jaquay

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Janet J. Jaquay, 71, of Scottsdale and formerly of Kendallville died Saturday, July 7, 2007, in Scottsdale.

Mrs. Jaquay had been employed many years at Kraft Foods in Kendallville.

She was a member of the Kendallville Women of the Moose.

She was born April 5, 1936, in Payne, Ohio, to Renno and Gaynelle (Stabler) Gillen. She married Donald R. Jaquay on June 28, 1958, in Angola. He died in December 1971.

Surviving are a stepdaughter, Renee Jaquay of Coldwater, Mich.; a stepson, Rick Jaquay of Coldwater; a sister, Suellen Honeywell of LaGrange; a brother and sister-in-law, Gene and Avanelle Gillen of Phoenix, Ariz.; two sisters-in-law, Ilene Gillen of Phoenix and Virginia Gillen of Angola; two granddaughters, Beth Walkner of Mesa, Ariz., and Diane and Richard Helton of Tucson, Ariz.; and one great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Lynette Walkner on May 11, 2004; a sister, Juanita Woodard; two brothers, Robert Gillen and Darrell Gillen; and a stepson, Steven Jaquay.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland with the Rev. Dale Hicks officiating.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

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Michael Surface

FORT WAYNE — Michael Otis Surface, 57, died Friday, July 20, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Surface

Born in Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., he was a college associate professor at Ivy Tech with bachelor of science degrees in mechanical and electrical engineering from Purdue University.

He was an active member in the gaming convention PentaCon for 24 years. He was a boating and kayaking enthusiast and was a founder of the Robot Games at Science Central.

Surviving are his wife, Kathleen M. Surface of Lafayette Township; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sarah L. and Sean Evans of Lansing, Mich., and Rachel E. Surface of Fort Wayne; grandson, Liam M. Evans; and his in-laws.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otis and Mary Surface.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with Father Ken Sarrazine officiating.

A memorial gathering will be from 5-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Science Central of Fort Wayne or the Northern Indiana Gaming Association.

James Swanson

ALBION — James E. Swanson, 65, of Albion died at 9:35 p.m. Sunday, July 22, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Swanson had been a maintenance supervisor for International Harvester in Fort Wayne and for Essex Wire in both Fort Wayne and Columbia City.

He had moved to Albion two years ago from Fort Wayne.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and a member of the Eagles Lodge in Bellevue, Ohio.

Mr. Swanson was born Oct. 27, 1941, in Bowling Green, Ohio, to Paul and Jesslyn (Austin) Swanson. He married Helen Merriman and she survives in Albion.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Julie Swanson of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a stepson and his wife, Kenny and Debbie Miller of Ligonier; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Nida Swanson of Hillsdale, Mich., Richard and Nancee Swanson of St. Charles, Mo., Jack and Jennifer Swanson of Clarksville, Tenn., Norman Swanson of Mims, Fla., and Steve and Stephine Swanson of Napoleon, Ohio; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Paula and David Cook of Maumee, Ohio, Christine and Paul Carmichael of Key West, Fla., and Gloria and Jeff Walker of Indialantic, Fla.; two grandchildren, James and KaSandra Swanson; three stepgrandchildren, Tanner, Catrina and Brittney Miller; many nieces and nephews; and a great-niece.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating and military rites by American Legion Post 246 of Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care of Whitley County.

Janice Beery

ANGOLA — Janice E. Beery, 76, of Angola died Monday, July 23, 2007, at her son's home in Fremont.

She was born May 20, 1931, in Fort Wayne. She lived on Lake Gage for more than 30 years.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 24, 2007, Tuesday

Dean Best

EDON, Ohio — Dean E. Best, 66, a longtime resident of Edon, Ohio, died Sunday, July 22, 2007, at his home in Edgerton, Ohio, after a brief illness.

Mr. Best was an auto body instructor at the Four County Joint Vocational School, retiring in 1982 with 12 years of service. He also was a self-employed metal fabricator and operated Best Way Systems in Edon for many years.

He was an avid automobile racer, competing throughout the tri-state area from 1963 to 2003. He began his racing career in coupes, but made his biggest impact in the sprint car division. He won the Tri-Sac Sprint Car Series Championship in 1976, with 13 feature wins in 25 events. He also won four features at other tracks that year, totaling 17 feature wins.

Mr. Best won the last track points title on a dirt surface at the Angola Motor Speedway, then returned the follwing year to win the first feature race on the newly paved surface. He won races at every track where he competed and a set a record that still stands for the three-mile, six-lap dash at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

During his racing career, he raced against many future greats, including races against a young Jeff Gordon at the Little 500 in Anderson and against Tim Richmond at Sandusky, Ohio.

Mr. Best was known as an advocate of safety who drove smoothly and fast. He was a winner in his last competitive year of racing in 2003.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Blakeslee, Ohio.

He was born Sept. 22, 1940, near Edon, Ohio, to William Edward "W.E." and Marie C. (Trausch) Best. His mother survives in Edon.

He married Diane K. Dangler on June 25, 1960, in Blakeslee, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Joel Dean and Jodie Best of Blakeslee and Jeremy T. and Jennifer Best of Convoy, Ohio; two daughters and a son-in-law, Deena L. Best of Bryan, Ohio, and Elizabeth E. and Jeffrey Smith of Valdosta, Ga.; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; five brothers and two sisters-in-law, Steven and Linda Best, Gary and Reta Best and Kevin Best, all of Edon, and Jerry Best and Michael Best, both of Sarasota, Fla.; and seven sisters and four brothers-in-law, Marilyn Best of Ocala, Fla., Linda and George Clark and Cheryl and Denny Myers, all of Auburn, Sharon Best of Mishawaka, Patricia and Jim Keiss and LuAnn Smith, all of Edon, and Kathy and Denny Fee of Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by his father and an infant daughter, Jennifer Best.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church at Blakeslee, with Father Stephen Schroeder officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday after 2 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home in Edon, with a Scripture service at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Victory Junction Gang Camp, 4500 Adam's Way, Randleman, N.C. 27317.

To send condolences and sign an online register, visit www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Donnabell Hill

LIGONIER — Donnabell Rose Hill, 81, of Ligonier died at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 22, 2007, at her home.

She was a lifetime Ligonier resident.

Mrs. Hill had been employed at the Wirk garment factory, Essex Wire and retired in 1994 from Silgan Plastics after 28 years of service.

She was devoted to her family and received her greatest pleasure from spending time with them. She also enjoyed watching birds, especially hummingbirds.

Mrs. Hill will be remembered as a wonderful cook and was known for her baked macaroni.

She was born Oct. 1, 1925, in Ligonier to Chester and Ethel (Reed) Staton. They are deceased.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Donald and Sally Strouse of Goshen and Phil Strouse of Ligonier; four daughters and a son-in-law, Suzie Gose and Kim Short, both of Ligonier, Kathy and Rande Cronk of Fort Wayne and Karen Strouse of Syracuse; a brother and sister-in-law, Gene and Margaret Staton of Fairfield Bay, Ark.; 11 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, John Staton and Robert Staton.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Pastor Jane Leatherman of Goshen Health & Hospice officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 25, 2007, Wednesday

Dorothy Hicks

BUTLER — Dorothy G. Hicks, 63, died May 4, 2007, in Victorville, Calif.

Mrs. Hicks

She was born Aug. 12, 1943, in Butler to Ora and Elva (Smith) Healy.

In 1968, she moved to California, where she worked for the State of California Medical Field Office for 25 years.

Surviving are two sons, Bobby Russell Hicks of Arcadia, Calif., and John Hicks of Pasadena, Calif.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Tammy and Herman Chavarin and Ronda and Luis Caballero, all of Victorville, and Vera Hicks of Pasadena; 16 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Earl Healy of Auburn and Harold Healy of Bullhead City, Ariz., and a sister, Sandra Saffen of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Eva Hicks; and a brother, Gerald Healy.

Graveside memorial services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Big Run Cemetery, east of Butler.

A fellowship time will be held at the home of Earl Healy, 2858 C.R. 56, Auburn, after the services.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is handling arrangements.

Franz Smietana

FREMONT — Franz E. Smietana, 87, of Fremont and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday, July 23, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Smietana

Mr. Smietana was an engineering draftsmen at International Harvester, retiring in March of 1986.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola and attended St. Paul Chapel in Clear Lake. He was a member of the Wednesday morning coffee group at St. Paul Chapel. He was formerly a member of the St. Vincent DePaul Society and Holy Name Society when he lived in Fort Wayne, before moving in 2002.

He was born Jan. 10, 1920, in Glatz, Germany, to Matthew and Hedwig (Kruppa) Smietana. He married Kaethe Barbara Renner on July 22, 1952, in Germany. She preceded him in death Aug. 7, 2005.

He is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Henry Smietana of Fremont, and Francis "Frank" Smietana and Barbara Adler of Newbury Port, Mass.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Marie Smietana-Swanson and Bill Swanson of Indianapolis, and Elisabeth Smietana of Carmel.

He was also preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul Chapel in Clear Lake, with the Rev. Philip Schneider officiating. Burial will be in St. Aloysius Cemetery in Yoder.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. A rosary service will be conducted at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the St. Paul Chapel.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Ethel Fritz

STROH — Ethel Fritz, 96, of Stroh died Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at her home near Big Turkey Lake.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 25, 2007, Wednesday

Kenneth Stutzman

LIGONIER — Kenneth Stutzman, 71, of Ligonier died at 5:40 a.m. Monday, July 23, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Stutzman

He had moved back to the area two years ago after living 25 years in Texas. He had formerly worked as a brick mason for K&S Masonry and D&J Construction in Goshen.

Mr. Stutzman served in the U.S. Army where he received the Good Conduct Medal and was a marksman.

He loved to fish and enjoyed hunting.

He was born Nov. 3, 1935, in LaGrange to Ralph and Edna (Chupp) Stutzman. He married Dorothy A. Wagner on June 11, 1960, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary and David Garcia of Fort Worth, Texas, Edna Smith of Nappanee and Nancy and Don Harper of Marble Falls, Texas; five brothers, Robert Stutzman, Willis Stutzman, Amos Stutzman, Don Stutzman and Floyd Stutzman; three sisters, Mary Boyd, Elsie McNabb and Betty Eash; six grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; one stepgreat-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Ralph, Ray, Dale and Glen.

Services will be at 5 p.m. today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor Jeff Farnham of LaGrange Baptist Church officiating. Military rites will be by American Legion Post 215. Cremation will follow.

Calling will be from 1-5 p.m. today at the funeral home.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospice or the Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to Condolences@earthlink.net.

Donnabell Hill

LIGONIER — Donnabell Rose Hill, 81, of Ligonier died at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 22, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Hill

She was a lifetime Ligonier resident.

Mrs. Hill had been employed at the Wirk garment factory, Essex Wire and retired in 1994 from Silgan Plastics after 28 years of service.

She was devoted to her family and received her greatest pleasure from spending time with them. She also enjoyed watching birds, especially hummingbirds.

Mrs. Hill will be remembered as a wonderful cook and was known for her baked macaroni.

She was born Oct. 1, 1925, in Ligonier to Chester and Ethel (Reed) Staton. They are deceased.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Donald and Sally Strouse of Goshen and Phil Strouse of Ligonier; four daughters and a son-in-law, Suzie Gose and Kim Short, both of Ligonier, Kathy and Rande Cronk of Fort Wayne and Karen Strouse of Syracuse; a brother and sister-in-law, Gene and Margaret Staton of Fairfield Bay, Ark.; 11 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, John Staton and Robert Staton.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Pastor Jane Leatherman of Goshen Health & Hospice officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 25, 2007, Wednesday

Janice Beery

ANGOLA — Janice E. Beery, 76, of Angola and formerly of Lake Gage, died Monday, July 23, 2007, at her son's home in Fremont.

Mrs. Beery

Mrs. Beery was a homemaker. She was a member of Cornerstone Family Church in Angola.

She was born May 20, 1931, in Fort Wayne, to Lloyd Meeks and M. Lucille (Harney) Kelsey. She was married to Donald Beery. He died in July 1985.

She is survived by four sons and three daughters-in-law, Gregory and Nancy Beery and Daniel and Jody Beery, all of Fort Wayne, Douglas Beery of Angola and David and Tracy Beery of Fremont; a brother, Donald Meeks of Elkhart; eight grandchildren and two of their spouses, Jason, Jared, Caleb, Angie and Bryan, Aubree and Rick, Reed, Colin and Nora; and three great-grandchildren, Avery, Jaiden and Jordan.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; her second husband, Bob Kensill; a brother, Arden Meeks; and a sister, Carolyn Laycock.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Cornerstone Family Church in Angola, with the Rev. Dennis Carey officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to Cornerstone Family Church.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is handling arrangements.

In Loving Memory Of

MARCIA L. CLEMENTS

October 9, 1950 - July 25, 2002

When you lived your life for others and you
loved without condition, when you made so
many laugh, your smile will not be forgotten.
When you left behind an empty place that no one
else can fill, when the friendships that you shared
long to be renewed. When you build your life
on hope and fulfilled it everyday,
the footprints that you left behind will bring
us face to face.

SO, GOODBYE IS NOT FOREVER,
YOU ARE ONLY STEPS AWAY.

Sadly Missed By,
Frank, Jennifer, Dave, Keeley Jo, Dad & Lois

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July25, 2007, Wednesday

Phyllis Carter, 84

ALBION — Phyllis K. Carter, 84, of Albion died at 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Carter was a former treasurer of Noble County.

She had moved to Noble County in 1942 from Churubusco and was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel.

She was born Nov. 24, 1922, in Churubusco to Art and Edith (Stroh) Bonar. She was married to David Carter for 61 years. He preceded her in death in 2003.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Deb and John Landa of Syracuse; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dennis Carter of Ligonier and Phillip and Cheryl Carter of Fort Wayne; four brothers, JC Bonar and Stanley Bonar, both of Albion, Dale Bonar of Loveland, Colo., and Stephen "Mike" Bonar of Seattle, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, David Carter; and three sisters, Joyce Thomas, Barbara Leatherman and Louise Bonar.

Private family services were held with the Rev. Terry Zollman officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's Association or Merriam Christian Chapel.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Virginia C. Meyer, 94

ALBION – Virginia C. Meyer, age 94, died Sunday, July 22, 2007 at North Ridge Village Nursing Home, Albion, IN.

Born the daughter of Casper M. and Agnes A. (Gladbach) Holocher in Fort Wayne, IN. She moved into the community in August 1964.

On December 24, 1931 she married Dale E. Meyer. Mr. Meyer died April 25, 2001.

Virginia was a home maker and enjoyed camping, traveling, her family and going to church on Sundays. She was a member of Sugar Grove Church of God, Rovin Red Birds Camping Club, and Rebbecca's.

Surviving are two daughters, Janet (Robert) Miller and Pat (Duane) Norris both of Albion; one son, Duane (Donna) Meyer of Ft. Wayne, IN; one daughter-in-law, Jeannie Meyer of Churubusco, IN; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 21 great-great-grandchildren;

She was also preceded in death by a son, Dale R. Meyer, in March 1999; three sisters, Beatrice Miller Velma Homsher and Anita Brandt; and a brother, Donald Holocher.

Services were at the Sugar Grove Church of God, Churubusco, IN. Rev. Tim Grable officiated. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, IN. Preferred memorials to the Sugar Grove Church of God or Whiltey County Home Health Care & Hospice.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July25, 2007, Wednesday

Rebecca Jane Muesing-Delp, 80

KENDALLVILLE – Rebecca Jane Muesing-Delp, age 80, of Kendallville, passed away on Saturday, July 21, 2007 at her home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Muesing-Delp was born in Kendallville on May 2, 1927 to Linus and Mildred (Lehner) Kimmel.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1945 and married Robert Walter Muesing on June 15, 1947 at the Lutheran Church in Avilla. He preceded her in death October 19, 1996.

She later married Richard "Bud" Eugene Delp on March 25, 2003 in Florida and the couple spent summers in Kendallville and winters in Englewood, Florida.

Along with her husband, Bob, she helped operate and was bookkeeper for Muesing Farms.

She was a farm wife and homemaker and enjoyed raising hens, cooking and baking.

She loved to entertain family and friends and was proficient at playing the violin.

She enjoyed her water aerobics class at the YMCA and sang in the choir at Englewood Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Muesing-Delp was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and the Community Presbyterian Church of Englewood, Florida. She also was a member of the Charm and Chatter Home Extension Club and former member of Sigma Eta Sorority.

Survivors include: her husband, Richard "Bud" Delp of Kendallville; four daughters, Barbara (Mike) Wert and Nancy (Tom) Sible both of Kendallville, Mary Beth Stevens of Gahanna, Ohio, and Natalie (Kent) Dilling of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; eleven grandchildren; Liz and Gary Dielman of Butler, Carrie Wert and Kyle Wert both of Kendallville, Amanda McCormick of Garland, Texas, Kelly and Chris Wallen of Rome City, Kim and Mike Messer of Avilla, Tim Rogers of Elkhart, Nolan Stevens of Gahanna, Ohio, Katie Dilling, Travis Dilling and Tye Dilling all of Sioux Falls; eight great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Margaret Griffin of Garrett; four step-daughters, Susan Aprea of Detroit, Jeanette Anderson and Gina Amador of California, Joann Zellman of Texas; two step-sons, Gilbert Amador and Richard Amador of California.

She was preceded in death by a brother, William Kimmel and sisters, Olive Scott and Phyllis Carter.

Funeral Services were at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Paul Griebel and Robert Shriner.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or American Heart Association

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July25, 2007, Wednesday

Stephen Hopkins, 59

ALBION — Stephen M. Hopkins, 59, of Albion died Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at 7:10 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hopkins was the director of religious education at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and had a special interest in instructing children, high school youths and adults in the initiation of new members.

Born on Oct. 7, 1947, he was a native of Logansport. He graduated in 1969 from Purdue University after studying engineering.

He enjoyed traveling, golfing, reading, fishing and spending time with his family and friends.

Surviving are two daughters, Allison Hopkins of Noblesville and Stephanie Joedecke of Braselton, Ga.; a son, John Hopkins of Edgewater, Fla.; a granddaughter Alexis Hopkins of Noblesville; his father, William T. Hopkins Sr.; two brothers, William "Tuck" Hopkins of Fort Wayne and Robert Hopkins of Springboro, Ohio; a sister, Susan Lou Bernhold of Minster, Ohio; and the mother of his children Vicky Hopkins of Edgewater, Fla. He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Lou Hopkins; two brothers, John and Michael Hopkins; and a sister, Mary Beth Fitzpatrick.

Services were at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. Burial was at Mount Hope Cemetery in Logansport.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to the Blessed Sacrament Parish, attention Steve Hopkins Memorial Grotto.

Oscar Johnson, 88

AVILLA — Oscar "Lee" Johnson, 88, of Avilla, died Saturday, July 21, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He had worked at Allied Mills for 22 years before retiring in 1982.

He was born June 6, 1919, in Garrett to Joseph and Marjorie (Richey) Johnson.

He married Leah M. Smith on Dec. 18, 1938. She died May 16, 1999.

He then married Wilma Grothus on Feb. 14, 2000, and she died Aug. 3, 2003.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Larry Johnson of Avilla, Fay and Bonita Johnson of St. Paris, Ohio, and Rex and Darlene Johnson of Hudson; one daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Bob Bugert of LaOtto; a daughter-in-law, Darlene Johnson of Yucipa, Calif.; one brother; Keith Johnson of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Mary Jones of Churubusco, Janet D'Italia of Fort Wayne, and Janice Roberson, of Springfield, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

He was preceded in death by a son, Ken Johnson; two brothers, Paul and Phil Johnson; one sister, Shirley Johnson; and two granddaughters in addition to his parents and wives.

Services were at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial followed in Riverview Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Galilean Children's Home in Liberty, Ky.

To send a condolence or sign an online register, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July25, 2007, Wednesday

James E. Swanson, 65

ALBION — James E. Swanson, 65, of Albion died at 9:35 p.m. Sunday, July 22, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Swanson had been a maintenance supervisor for International Harvester in Fort Wayne and for Essex Wire in both Fort Wayne and Columbia City.

He had moved to Albion two years ago from Fort Wayne.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and a member of the Eagles Lodge in Bellevue, Ohio.

Mr. Swanson was born Oct. 27, 1941, in Bowling Green, Ohio, to Paul and Jesslyn (Austin) Swanson. He married Helen Merriman and she survives in Albion.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Julie Swanson of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a stepson and his wife, Kenny and Debbie Miller of Ligonier; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Nida Swanson of Hillsdale, Mich., Richard and Nancee Swanson of St. Charles, Mo., Jack and Jennifer Swanson of Clarksville, Tenn., Norman Swanson of Mims, Fla., and Steve and Stephine Swanson of Napoleon, Ohio; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Paula and David Cook of Maumee, Ohio, Christine and Paul Carmichael of Key West, Fla., and Gloria and Jeff Walker of Indialantic, Fla.; two grandchildren, James and KaSandra Swanson; three stepgrandchildren, Tanner, Catrina and Brittney Miller; many nieces and nephews; and a great-niece.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 28, 2007, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating and military rites by American Legion Post 246 of Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care of Whitley County.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 26, 2007, Thursday

Ethel Fritz

STROH — Ethel Grace Fritz, 96, of Stroh died Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at her home near Big Turkey Lake.

Mrs. Fritz

She was a homemaker and also gave private care to the elderly.

Mrs. Fritz was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1928.

Mrs. Fritz was born in Minot, N.D., on Oct. 20, 1910, to Jesse R. and Lily M. (Gehres) Ford. She married Clarence George Fritz on Oct. 14, 1933, in Kendallville. He died Sept. 12, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Patsy Fritz of Hot Springs, Ark., and Michael and Sandra Fritz of Angola; a daughter, Barbara Brown of Stroh; a brother, Dr. Henry Ford of Bellview, Texas; nine grandchildren, David Brown of Orland; Charles Brown and Sherry Brown, both of Stroh; Katrina Jarrett of Kentucky; Ronnie Fritz and Donnie Fritz, both of California; Shawn Fritz of Lexington, Ky.; Katie Milne of Greenfield; and Heidi Hornbacher of Angola;12 great-grandchildren; and three sister-in-laws, Dorothy Inks of Tyler, Texas, Glendora Rathge of Kendallville and Helen Fritz of Avilla.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Messiah Lutheran Church, Wolcottville, with the Rev. James Tews officiating. Burial will be at Wright Cemetery near Stroh.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, and at the church one hour prior to the funeral service.

Memorials are to Messiah Lutheran Church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences are to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Sandy Doty

SHIPSHEWANA — Sandy Lee Doty, 52, of Shipshewana died suddenly of natural causes at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Doty

She had worked at Mark-Line Industries in Bristol and at Coachmen in Middlebury.

She enjoyed swimming, listening to music and dancing.

She was born Oct. 12, 1954, in Warsaw to Dwight Doty Jr. and Nancy (Shaum) Doty. Her father is deceased and her mother survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Shilo and Holly Doty of White Pigeon, Mich.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Marla and Mark Fulks and Marcia and Roger Fulks, all of Shipshewana; a brother and sister-in-law, Stanley and Jenny Doty of Naples, Fla.; and two granddaughters.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. Burial will be in Scott Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 6-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family for funeral expenses.

Condolences are to miller-stewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 26, 2007, Thursday

Ruthmary Coffin

LAGRANGE — Ruthmary Coffin, 92, of LaGrange died Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Coffin was born on March 23, 1915, in Cicero to Alvin K. and Louva O. (Wilson) Baker. They both precede her in death.

Mrs. Coffin had moved to LaGrange County in 1947 from Bloomington.

She was a former co-owner of the LaGrange Title Co. in LaGrange.

Mrs. Coffin was a member of LaGrange First United Methodist Church, and a member of the Radiant Chapter No. 200 Order of Eastern Star of Noblesville, where she was a past matron and a 50-year member.

She was born March 23, 1915, in Cicero to Alvin K. and Louva O. (Wilson) Baker. She married Lynn O. Roberts on May 30, 1937, in Noblesville. He preceded her in death July 28, 1970. She then married E. Wyatt Coffin on Jan. 2, 1979, in Las Vegas, Nev. He preceded her in death Dec. 15, 1989.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Constance and David Dittman of Warsaw; nine grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Gregory B. Roberts on Feb. 19, 1976; two sisters; and four brothers.

Services will be held on Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange. The funeral will begin at 6 p.m. with an Order of Eastern Star service by the Sylvan Chapter No. 251 OES of LaGrange, followed by the service with the Rev. Denise Heller officiating. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Calling will be from 3-6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Parkinson Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

Danny DeVlaminck

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Danny Lee DeVlaminck, 53, of rural Montpelier, Ohio, died at 8:10 a.m. Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at his home after an illness of one year.

Mr. DeVlaminck was a truck driver for Arrow Tru-Line trucking in Bryan, Ohio, and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2489, Bryan Am-Vets, Bryan Eagles and the Moose Lodge of Montpelier, Ohio.

He was born June 9, 1954, in Mount Clemens, Mich., to Richard Henry and Betty Jean (Strouse) DeVlaminck. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are three brothers and two sisters-in-law, including Dale and Deb DeVlaminck of Edgerton, Ohio, and Tracy and Connie Moog of Williams Center, Ohio; four sisters and two sisters-in-law, Deb and Richard Martin of Reading, Mich., Tamy Gresset of Butler, Judy Gieger of Edgerton, Ohio, and Karen and Robert Robison of Camden, Mich.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be Monday at 1:30 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edgerton, Ohio. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton, with graveside military rites conducted by Bryan VFW Post 2489.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers-Hospice Care.

Condolences are to and a guest register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
July 26, 2007, Thursday

James Swanson

ALBION — James E. Swanson, 65, of Albion died at 9:35 p.m. Sunday, July 22, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Swanson had been a maintenance supervisor for International Harvester in Fort Wayne and for Essex Wire in both Fort Wayne and Columbia City.

He had moved to Albion two years ago from Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stutzman

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and a member of the Eagles Lodge in Bellevue, Ohio.

Mr. Swanson was born Oct. 27, 1941, in Bowling Green, Ohio, to Paul and Jesslyn (Austin) Swanson. He married Helen Merriman and she survives in Albion.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Julie Swanson of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a stepson and his wife, Kenny and Debbie Miller of Ligonier; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Nida Swanson of Hillsdale, Mich., Richard and Nancee Swanson of St. Charles, Mo., Jack and Jennifer Swanson of Clarksville, Tenn., Norman Swanson of Mims, Fla., and Steve and Stephine Swanson of Napoleon, Ohio; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Paula and David Cook of Maumee, Ohio, Christine and Paul Carmichael of Key West, Fla., and Gloria and Jeff Walker of Indialantic, Fla.; two grandchildren, James and KaSandra Swanson; three stepgrandchildren, Tanner, Catrina and Brittney Miller; many nieces and nephews; and a great-niece.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating and military rites by American Legion Post 246 of Albion.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, handled arrangements.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care of Whitley County.

Donnabell Hill

LIGONIER — Donnabell Rose Hill, 81, of Ligonier died at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 22, 2007, at her home.

She was a lifetime Ligonier resident.

Mrs. Hill had been employed at the Wirk garment factory, Essex Wire and retired in 1994 from Silgan Plastics after 28 years of service.

Mrs. Hill

She was devoted to her family and received her greatest pleasure from spending time with them. She also enjoyed watching birds, especially hummingbirds.

Mrs. Hill will be remembered as a wonderful cook and was known for her baked macaroni.

She was born Oct. 1, 1925, in Ligonier to Chester and Ethel (Reed) Staton. They are deceased.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Donald and Sally Strouse of Goshen and Phil Strouse of Ligonier; four daughters and a son-in-law, Suzie Gose and Kim Short, both of Ligonier, Kathy and Rande Cronk of Fort Wayne and Karen Strouse of Syracuse; a brother and sister-in-law, Gene and Margaret Staton of Fairfield Bay, Ark.; 11 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, John Staton and Robert Staton.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Pastor Jane Leatherman of Goshen Health & Hospice officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
July 26, 2007, Thursday

Kenneth Stutzman

LIGONIER — Kenneth Stutzman, 71, of Ligonier died at 5:40 a.m. Monday, July 23, 2007, at his home.

He had moved back to the area two years ago after living 25 years in Texas. He had formerly worked as a brick mason for K&S Masonry and D&J Construction in Goshen.

Mr. Stutzman served in the U.S. Army where he received the Good Conduct Medal and was a marksman.

He loved to fish and enjoyed hunting.

He was born Nov. 3, 1935, in LaGrange to Ralph and Edna (Chupp) Stutzman. He married Dorothy A. Wagner on June 11, 1960, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary and David Garcia of Fort Worth, Texas, Edna Smith of Nappanee and Nancy and Don Harper of Marble Falls, Texas; five brothers, Robert Stutzman, Willis Stutzman, Amos Stutzman, Don Stutzman and Floyd Stutzman; three sisters, Mary Boyd, Elsie McNabb and Betty Eash; six grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; one stepgreat-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Ralph, Ray, Dale and Glen.

Services were Tuesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor Jeff Farnham of LaGrange Baptist Church officiating. Military rites were by American Legion Post 215. Cremation will follow.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospice or the Cancer Society.

Condolences are to Condolences@earthlink.net.

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The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information about survivors.

Donnabell Hill

LIGONIER — Donnabell Rose Hill, 81, of Ligonier died at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 22, 2007, at her home.

She was a lifetime Ligonier resident.

Mrs. Hill had been employed at the Wirk garment factory, Essex Wire and retired in 1994 from Silgan Plastics after 28 years of service.

Mrs. Hill

She was devoted to her family and received her greatest pleasure from spending time with them. She also enjoyed watching birds, especially hummingbirds.

Mrs. Hill will be remembered as a wonderful cook and was known for her baked macaroni.

She was born Oct. 1, 1925, in Ligonier to Chester and Ethel (Reed) Staton. They are deceased.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Donald and Sally Strouse of Goshen and Phil Strouse of Ligonier; four daughters and a son-in-law, Suzie Gose and Kim Short, both of Ligonier, Kathy and Rande Cronk of Fort Wayne and Karen Strouse of Syracuse; a brother and sister-in-law, Gene and Margaret Staton of Fairfield Bay, Ark.; a sister, Barbara Kief of Fairfield Bay, Ark.; 11 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, John Staton and Robert Staton.

Services were at 1 p.m. Thursday at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Pastor Jane Leatherman of Goshen Health & Hospice officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

Helen Huntsman

ALBION — Helen E. Huntsman, 96, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Albion died at 5:45 a.m. Thursday, July 26, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where she had been a resident since April.

Mrs. Huntsman had moved to Fort Wayne in 2000 from rural Albion to live with a daughter.

Mrs. Huntsman

She spent her formative years in rural DeKalb County and graduated from Auburn High School in 1930.

As a young woman she worked at NIPSCO in Auburn and following her marriage, she and her husband owned and operated the Burr Oak Store for 15 years.

Mrs. Huntsman was a member of Burr Oak Baptist Church, the Burr Oak Ladies Guild and The Gleaners.

She enjoyed traveling, sewing, reading, doing crossword puzzles and bargain shopping.

She was born June 25, 1911, to Joe and Ethel (Close) Miller. She married Carl G. Huntsman of Oct. 1, 1932, in Albion. He died Nov. 7, 1989.

Surviving are three sons, Steven Huntsman and Jeni Mitchell of Burnsville, Minn., Joe and Beverly Huntsman of Albion and Hugh Huntsman of Lyons, Col.; two daughters, Cynthia and Thomas Haller of Fort Wayne and Anne and Richard Simon of Kendallville; a sister, Joanne and Jim Fitch of Auburn; a brother, David and Ruth Miller of Auburn; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Lela Rathard, and two brothers, Donald and Richard Keith Miller.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Burr Oak Baptist Church. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the church of the donor's choice.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 27, 2007, Friday

Marilyn Ackerman

ANGOLA — Marilyn M. Ackerman, 83, of Angola died on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, after a short illness.

She had been employed for 21 years in the Forest Products Division of Owens-Illinois, retiring in December 1982.

Mrs. Ackerman

Mrs. Ackerman was born Sept. 28, 1923, in Toledo, Ohio, to Emerson and Christine Parker. In 1945, she married Howard F. Ackerman, who preceded her in death in 1982.

She is survived by her daughter, April Gates of Fremont; her son, Randy Ackerman of Centerburg, Ohio; three grandchildren, Todd Gates of Goshen, Leah McHale of Centerburg, Ohio, and Stoney Wever of Mount Vernon, Ohio; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emerson and Chrstine Parker; and her husband, Howard Ackerman.

Graveside services will be held today at 1 p.m. at Restlawn Memorial Park in Perrysburg, Ohio.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Candence Woods

JOHNSON CREEK, Wis. — Candence J. Woods, 74, of Johnson Creek died Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at Fort Atkinson Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Woods had resided in Albion for many years.

She had been employed as a bookkeeper.

Mrs. Woods enjoyed crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, bingo and was an avid sports fan.

She was born Sept. 22, 1932, in Milwaukee to William and Erma (Laabs) Anderson. She married Woodrow W. Woods in Florida on July 19, 1952. He preceded her in death April 9, 1991.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Ellen and Ronald Milbrath of Sullivan, Wis.; a niece and her husband, Christine and Donald Heelein; two nephews, Todd Milbrath and William and Mary Milbrath; four great-nieces, Meghann and Nic Lauersdorf, Lindsay Milbrath, Carley Milbrath and Emily Milbrath; three great-nephews, Drew Milbrath, Ryan Oldenhoff and Nick Heelein; and many cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Hafemeister Funeral Home in Watertown, Wis., with Rev. Richard Pagels of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Farmington officiating. Burial will take place at Union Cemetery in Watertown.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the church, Rainbow Hospice or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Helen Treesh

ALBION — Helen I. Treesh, 92, of Albion died Thursday, July 26, 2007, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Treesh had lived in Noble County most of her life. She was the owner of The Spun Shop.

She had worked in the Albion Library, Noble County Courthouse, for Roush & Roush and at Chain O' Lakes State Park.

Mrs. Treesh had also written a column for the Albion New Era.

The salutatorian of her graduating class, Mrs. Treesh was very interested in genealogy and had published a directory of Noble County churches from 1830 through 1900.

She was born June 19, 1915, in Fort Wayne to John and Goldie (Lloyd) Lightfoot.

Surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Doyle and Anne Marie Treesh of Chestertown, N.Y., Phillip and Delores Treesh of Kendallville, James and Linda Treesh of Wasilla, Alaska, Robert and Pat Treesh of Kendallville and Lloyd and Rita Treesh of Avilla; three daughters and a son-in-law, Rosemary and Floyd Uhl of Godrey, Ill., Janet Mendenhall of Albion and Miriam Hunt of Butler, Mo.; 20 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard and Milo Lightfoot.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw with the Rev. Dave Perry officiating.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Memorials are to the Noble County Historical Society.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 27, 2007, Friday

Mary Polite

ANGOLA — Mary M. Polite, 96, of Angola died Thursday, July 26, 2007, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabiltation in Angola.

Mrs. Polite had been an English teacher in Fort Wayne schools and Angola High School.

She was a member of Angola United Methodist Church and Indiana Retired Teachers Association.

She was born Sept. 29, 1910, in Steuben County to Joseph and Dema (Flegal) Regisser. She married Thomas J. Polite Dec. 25, 1948. He preceded her in death on June 19, 1997.

Survivors include three nieces, Janice DeGraw of Rock Ledge, Fla., Marjorie Aguair of Vieaues, Puerto Rico, and Jane Wilson of Hamoverton, Ohio; a nephew, Urban Engel of Sycamore, Ohio; and special friends the Aldrich family, Judy, Mark, Todd, Lisa, Sarah and Anna, all of Angola.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a sister, Helen Barksdale.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Larry Smith officiating. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery.

Calling will be 1-2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Steuben County Community Foundation.

Michael Andersen

ANGOLA — Michael Hans Andersen, 54, of Angola, died Thursday, July 26, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Andersen had been a former manager of the Angola Auto Zone.

He was a former member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Pueblo West, Colo.

He was born Dec. 17, 1952, in Fort Wayne to T.H. and Esther (Sammetinger) Andersen.

Surviving are his father, T.H. "Andy" Anderson of Pueblo West, Colo.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Jennie and Walter Pierce of Cypress, Texas, Kristine and Alfonso Martinez of Chula Vista, Calif., and Martha Roberts of Russellville, Ala.; a niece, Ashleigh Martinez; and two nephews, Patrick Roberts and Ryan Hollins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Esther (Sammetinger) Andersen.

Services will be Saturday at 7 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Calling will be 6-7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Concordia High School in Fort Wayne or Our Savior Lutheran Church in Pueblo West, Colo.

Orvaleen Schlotterback

LIGONIER — Orvaleen A. Schlotterback, 88, of Ligonier died Thursday, July 26, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Gordon Cleckner

FREMONT — Gordan L. Cleckner, 67, of Fremont died Thursday, July 26, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cleckner retired from Navistar International in 1998 and had been working at Tyden-Brammall in Angola.

He was an avid supporter of Fremont High School athletics. Mr. Cleckner cherished his time spent with his wife, children and grandchildren. He was a graduate of Fremont High School, and was in the Air Force.

He was born Dec. 30, 1939, in Steuben County to Robert and Dorothy (Wisner) Cleckner. He married Judith "Judy" Cleckner, who survives.

Other survivors are a son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Kristan Cleckner of Fishers; two grandchildren, Meghan Cleckner and Jack Cleckner; his mother, Dorothy (Wisner) Cleckner; and two brothers and one sister-in-law, "Cy" Mahlon and Virginia Cleckner of Angola, and Larry Cleckner of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Cleckner.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be Saturday from 5-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in Indianapolis.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Ruth Meyers

ANGOLA — Ruth E. Meyers, 78, of Angola who was the artist who designed the official Seal of Steuben County, died Thursday, July 26, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Meyers was an artist and a member of the Angola United Methodist Church. She also was a member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority, the Party Line Club and the International Society of Poets.

Mrs. Meyers was born June 13, 1929, in Otsego Township in Steuben County, the daughter of Gerald R. and Vera (Bowerman) Brooks.

On Sept. 26, 1948, she married J. William Meyers, who survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, William G. Meyers of Medical Lake, Wash.; three daughters, Cheryl Vanderwood of Angola, Barbara Longman of Kettering, Ohio, and Debra D. Myers of Saginaw, Mich.; a brother, Keith G. Brooks of Saratoga, Wyo.; and a grandson, Jason Savage of Portland, Ore.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Larry Smith officiating.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospital or Centennial Valley Community Church, Centennial, Wyo.

Doris Rensch

ANGOLA — Doris Rensch, 92, of Angola died Thursday, July 26, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Rensch was a homemaker and had worked as a telephone operator at GTE in Angola.

She was a former 4-H leader and established the Kermit Rensch 4-H Scholarship at the Steuben County Community Foundation. Together with her husband, they built Rensch Hall at the Steuben County 4-H Park. She was a member of the Party Line Club and enjoyed gardening and growing strawberries. She was an excellent pie baker.

She was born on Aug. 10, 1914, in Steuben County to Harvey and Joan (Merritt) Harter, who both preceded her in death. She married Kermit Rensch on March 18, 1945. He died on May 31, 1996.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Harley and Judy Rensch of Corunna; a daughter, Charlene Rensch of Pleasant Lake; and three grandchildren, Matthew Rensch, Amanda Hissong and Sarah Hissong.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Wilber "Steve" Harter and Lewis Harter, and two sisters, Joyce Greenamyer and Maxine Orey.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Florian Cripe officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kermit Rensch Scholarship.

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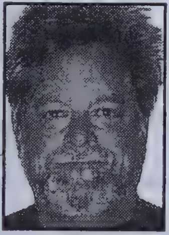
Scott Cowell

WAWAKA — Scott Louis Cowell, 57, of Wawaka died Saturday, July 21, 2007, at his home.



Mr. Cowell

Mr. Cowell was a certified SCUBA instructor and conducted Great Lakes diving trips, later becoming a certified commercial diver working in the Gulf of Mexico, where he was recruited to extinguish oil well fires in Egypt and Venezuela. After returning to his home town of Angola, he worked in wire manufacturing, opening his own mechanical design firm, Northlake Design Group, Inc.

He was a 1968 graduate of Angola High School and later graduated from Purdue University. He was extremely involved in the early growth of the World War II Warbird Museum (NIAM) and enjoyed countless hours restoring a RC45J aircraft. He also enjoyed boating along the Texas Barrier Islands and the Great Lakes.

He is survived by his wife, (Carolyn) Sue Cowell; a stepson, Jerry R. Egly Jr. of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Amy J. Egly of Austin, Texas; a grandson, Mitchell R. Egly of Fort Wayne; his mother, LaNita I. Cowell of Angola; a brother, Thomas H. Cowell of Traverse City, Mich.; and many friends and extended family.

A memorial service will be Sunday, Aug. 5, at 3 p.m. at the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes.

Memorials are to the Purdue University Bands in care of Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes.

Arrangements are by the Northeast Indiana Cremation Society.

Edna Gingerich

MIDDLEBURY — Edna A. Gingerich, 78, of Middlebury died Friday, July 27, 2007, at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart.

Mrs. Gingerich was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born March 15, 1929, in LaGrange County to Andrew Bontrager and Annie (Miller) Bontrager, who both preceded her in death. She married Dewey Gingerich on Jan. 6, 1955, in Middlebury. He died May 21, 2006.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Christy Lambright of Middlebury; a son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Luanna Gingerich, also of Middlebury; a daughter-in-law, Alice (Gingerich) Bontrager of Shipshewana; 14 grandchildren, one stepgrandchild; 18 great-grandchildren; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Anna Kauffman of London, Ohio, and Sarah and Ervin Miller of Middlebury.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Calvin Gingerich; four sisters, Katie Miller, Polly Lehman, Barbara Bontrager and Susan Bontrager; and five brothers, Amos, William, David, Joseph and Eli Bontrager.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday in the family residence with Bishop Alton Bontrager and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the family residence.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

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She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Harley and Judy Rensch of Corunna; a daughter, Charlene Rensch of Pleasant Lake; and three grandchildren, Matthew Rensch, Amanda Hissong and Sarah Hissong.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Wilbur "Steve" Harter and Lewis Harter, and two sisters, Joyce Greenamyer and Maxine Orey.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Florian Cripe officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kermit Rensch Scholarship at the Steuben Community Foundation or donor's choice.

Ruth Meyers

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Mrs. Meyers was born June 13, 1929, in Otsego Township in Steuben County, the daughter of Gerald R. and Vera (Bowerman) Brooks.

On Sept. 26, 1948, she married J. William Meyers, who survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, William G. Meyers of Medical Lake, Wash.; three daughters, Cheryl Vanderwood of Angola, Barbara Longman of Kettering, Ohio, and Debra D. Meyers of Saginaw, Mich.; a brother, Keith G. Brooks of Saratoga, Wyo.; and a grandson, Jason Savage of Portland, Ore.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Larry Smith officiating.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospital or Centennial Valley Community Church, Centennial, Wyo.

Dale Meyer

BUTLER — Dale V. Meyer, 95, formerly of Butler, died Saturday, July, 28, 2007, in the Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

He was a long-time member of the Big Run E.U.B. Church just east of Butler, and enjoyed playing the organ at church, high school commencement ceremonies and at the Sunshine Park Campground in Florida.

He was a retired Stafford Township farmer.

On Sept. 7, 1911, in Dover, Ohio, he was born to Edward W. and Bertha (Torgler) Meyer. He married Virginia C. Chandler on Dec. 24, 1938, in Gary. She preceded him in death on Oct. 15, 1984.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Lynn and Carolyn Meyer of Kendallville, and William and Cindy Meyer of Noblesville; a brother, Donald Meyer of South Bend; two sisters, Margaret Elliot of Corning, Ark., and Grace Bunich of Crown Point, Ind.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A brother, Robert, and a sister, June Dado, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be Monday at the Butler Cemetery in Butler with the Rev. Robert Meyer of the Lafayette Salvation Army officiating.

Memorials are to the Noble County Hospice.

H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

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John Grama

GARRETT — John J. Grama, 96, of Garrett died at 3:06 p.m. Friday, July 27, 2007, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Grama lived in Garrett from 1948 to 1965, then moved to San Bernadino, Calif., where he resided from 1965 to 1995 before he moved back to Garrett.

He was a Metroplitan insurance agent in San Bernadino and owner of Simons Grocery Store in Garrett.

Mr. Grama was a World War II U.S. Army veteran, a member of the Garrett American Legion, V.F.W., Eagles, Elks and Knights of Columbus in Garrett, and a member of the Garrett Fire Department.

On June 29, 1921, in Willard, Ohio, he was born to John and Mary (Sarchis) Grama. He married Joanna F. (Simon) Richmond on July 13, 1947, in Willard, Ohio. She preceded him in death on March 24, 1993. He married Mary Barcus (Weeks) on June 24, 1995, in Auburn. She survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: three sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Sandy Richmond of Garrett, Michael and Susan Barcus of Mechanicsville, Va., and Mark and Nancy Jo Barcus of Columbia, S.C.; a son-in-law, Craig Gilliland of Oakland, Calif.; several grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his first wife, Joanna F. Grama, a daughter, Cathy Gilliland, and a brother, Thomas Grama, preceded him in death.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Fr. Ted Uwakwe officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Dean Ryan

SYRACUSE — Dean Aldan Ryan, 68, of Syracuse died at 6:05 p.m. Friday, July 27, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ryan had lived in the Syracuse area since the 1960s.

He retired in 1995 from Zimmer Inc. after 23 years of service, and was a U.S. Navy veteran.

In Sturgis, Mich., he was born on June 9, 1939, to Robert and Alberta (Anderson) Ryan. He married Beverly Larson on Aug. 25, 1989. She survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: two daughters and sons-in-law, Deana and Jim Pancake of North Webster, and Shelly and Rick Bowling of Warsaw; a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Annette Larson of Warsaw; a stepson and his spouse, Brian and Barbara Larson of Milford; six grandchildren, Courtney and Holly Bowling, James and Amanda Pancake, and Andrea and Braxton Larson; a step-grandson, Casey Larson; and a brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Shirley Ryan, Mongo.

Services will be at 1 : p.m. Wednesday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with Pastor Craig Findley of Syracuse United Pentecostal Church officiating. Burial will be at Syracuse Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

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Pauline Mitchell

GARRETT — Pauline Martha (Lung) Mitchell, 92, of Avilla and formerly of Garrett, died at 8:20 p.m. Friday, July 27, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Mitchell

She worked for 52 years at Garrett Hardware before retiring in 1994 at age 80.

She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, Garrett Parks Board, Psi Iota Xi Sorority, and was active in the church community and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

On Dec. 28, 1914, in Butler Center, rural Garrett, she was born to Frank A. and Myrtle V. (Mowry) Lung. She married Harry M. Mitchell on July 23, 1937, in Butler Center. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Fred Demske of Kendallville; a daughter-in-law, Jane Mitchell of Fort Wayne; two grandsons, Mark Demske of Huntertown, and Jason Mitchell of Auburn; a granddaughter, Lynette Gerard of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Noel Muhn, of Erwin, Tenn.

In addition to her husband, a son, Kenneth Mitchell, and a brother, Lester Lung, preceded her in death.

Services will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home with Dr. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Community Center or Provena "E" Unit.

Condolences may be sent online at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Orvaleen Schlotterback

LIGONIER — Orvaleen A. Schlotterback, 88, of Ligonier died at 9:35 a.m. Thursday, July 26, 2007, in Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

She worked at the Seyfert's Potato Chip factory, Perfection Biscuit Co. and at the General Electric plant, all in Fort Wayne.

On April 28, 1919, in Mishawaka, she was born to Ray and Mildred (Huff) Heffner. They preceded her in death. She married Leo Schlotterback. He preceded her in death in 1979.

Surviving are a son, Larry Schlotterback of Syracuse; and a brother and sister-in-law, Ron and Peg Heffner of Kimmel.

In addition to her husband and parents; a brother, Theron Heffner, preceded her in death.

Services will be at noon Tuesday at the J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmel.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

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Colton Becker

TOPEKA — Colton James Becker, 23, of Topeka died Saturday, July 28, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Becker

He was a lifetime Topeka area resident and worked at Bob Evans Restaurant in Auburn the past eight months. He was a member of Community Fellowship in Topeka.

On June 7, 1984, he was born in LaGrange to Mike and Jeanne (Snyder) Becker. They survive in Topeka.

Also surviving are a sister Caitlin Becker of Topeka; a brother William Becker of Topeka; maternal grandparents Clarence and Marlene Campbell of Topeka; paternal grandparents, Donald and Mary Becker of Danville, N.H.; maternal great-grandmother, Mildred Smith of Topeka; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

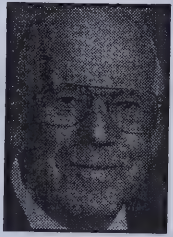
Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, with Pastor Lynn Stutzman of Community Fellowship officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Vincent Miller

AUBURN — Vincent W. Miller, 94, of Auburn died Sunday, July 29, 2007, following a brief illness


Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller was born Feb. 17, 1913, in Logansport. He retired from Borg-Warner Corp. in Muncie in 1978. From 1952-78, he worked as a tool designer and later as a sales executive and pilot for Borg-Warner Corp. in Auburn, transferring to Muncie in 1969.

He lived in Muncie after his retirement and returned to Auburn in 1993.

Mr. Miller was a pilot for the Auburn Clutch Co. in the early 1940s and was a former employee of International Harvester in Fort Wayne. He also worked as a self-employed mechanic in Auburn in the 1940s.

A pilot since 1932, he was a longtime pilot and flight instructor in Auburn and Fort Wayne. He was a member of several fraternal flying groups, including the Quiet Birdmen of America (QBs), Silver Wings and the OX5 Aviation Pioneers. During World War II, he was a member of the Indiana Civil Air Patrol.

He also was a Past Exalted Ruler of the Garrett Elks Lodge and a member of the Auburn Police Reserve, Moose lodges in Auburn and Muncie and the Knights of Columbus in Muncie.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ann and Dennis Ketzenberger of Auburn and Kay and Thomas Dimmich, also of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Lisa Miller of Muncie and Tony and Nina Miller of Indianapolis; 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Margaret Louise (Johnson) Miller, who died in 1994; a daughter, Kathryn J. Woodcox of Auburn, who died in 1978; his parents, William A. and Cecilia (Rees) Miller; one brother, Ellis Miller; and one sister, Helen Miller.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Martin's Health Care of Garrett.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with a correction in the time of the funeral service. We apologize for the error.*

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Mrs. Mitchell

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On Dec. 28, 1914, in Butler Center of rural Garrett, she was born to Frank A. and Myrtle V. (Mowry) Lung.

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Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Fred Demske of Kendallville; a daughter-in-law, Jane Mitchell of Fort Wayne; two grandsons, Mark Demske of Huntertown and Jason Mitchell of Auburn; a granddaughter, Lynette Gerard of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Noel Muhn, of Erwin, Tenn.

In addition to her husband, a son, Kenneth Mitchell, and a brother, Lester Lung, preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Dr. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Community Center or Provena "E" Unit.

Condolences may be sent online at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Nancy Heckathorn

BRONSON, Mich. — Nancy Lee Heckathorn, 63, of Bronson, Mich., formerly of Pleasant Lake, died Friday, July 27, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Heckathorn

She was a homemaker.

She was a graduate of Bronson High School. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Her hobbies included gardening, flowers and roses. She was an avid collector of Elvis Presley memorabilia and enjoyed buying and selling antiques on eBay.

She was born Oct. 20, 1943, in Branch County, Mich. to Edson and Nellie (Spade) Wilkins. She was married to Russ Heckathorn, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Deana and Kirk Skinner of Bronson; a son, Dan Heckathorn of Bronson; three grandchildren, Naathan, Jamie and Olivia Skinner; and a sister, Diane McCollough of Bronson.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Gale Wilkins.

A celebration of life meal and gathering will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Beth-Gilead Community Church in Bronson. Burial will follow at a later date.

Memorials are to the local hospice of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 30, 2007, Monday

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John Grama

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He was a Metropolitan insurance agent in San Bernadino and owner of Simons Grocery Store in Garrett.

Mr. Grama was a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Eagles, Elks and Knights of Columbus in Garrett and the Garrett Fire Department.

He was born June 29, 1921, in Willard, Ohio, to John and Mary (Sarchis) Grama.

He married Joanna F. (Simon) Richmond on July 13, 1947, in Willard, Ohio. She preceded him in death on March 24, 1993.

He married Mary Barcus (Weeks) on June 24, 1995, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Sandy Richmond of Garrett, Michael and Susan Barcus of Mechanicsville, Va., and Mark and Nancy Jo Barcus of Columbia, S.C.; a son-in-law, Craig Gilliland of Oakland, Calif.; several grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Cathy Gilliland, and a brother, Thomas Grama, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, with Father Ted Uwakwe officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 31, 2007, Tuesday

Wanda Brownell

KENDALLVILLE — Wanda H. Brownell, 87, of Rhinebeck, N.Y., died Sunday, July 29, 2007, at the Kendallville home of her former daughter-in-law, Wanda J. Brownell.

She graduated from Mount Pleasant High School in Schenectady, N.Y., and attended teachers college at Columbia University. She was a graduate of Nathan Littauer Hospital School of Nursing in Gloversville, N.Y.

Mrs. Brownell was a public health nurse for the Dutchess County Department of Health in Rhinebeck until her retirement in 1984.

She was a devoted New York Yankees fan and enjoyed knitting, gardening and her beloved Dachshunds, Theo, Molly and Katricia. She also was a wonderful gourmet cook.

On Sept. 21, 1919, in Schenectady, N.Y., she was born to Julian and Pauline Spodnewski. She married Howard Brownell. He proceeded her in death on Jan. 27, 2001.

Surviving are a son, Robert Brownell of Albion; a former daughter-in-law, Wanda J. Brownell of Kendallville; a son Howard Brownell of Archer, N.Y.; a daughter, Nancy Brownell of Rhinebeck, N.Y.; five grandchildren; a stepgrandson; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters and a daughter-in-law, Caroline Brownell.

A private funeral service will be held at the convenience of the family. Burial will be at Rhinebeck Cemetery, Rhinebeck, N.Y.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Society of Protection & Cruelty to Animals or the Noble County Humane Society. Send memorials to Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, IN 46755.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home and Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home, Rhinebeck, N.Y., are in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Gollnick

FREMONT — Dorothy C. Gollnick, 63, of Fremont died Monday, July 30, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Gollnick worked at Aro Corp. for 33 years.

She enjoyed camping.

She was born March 15, 1944, in Webbers Falls, Okla., to Leonard and Betty (Wadley) Senger. She married Gordon Gollnick on Sept. 9, 1988. He survives.

She is also survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Todd Richardson of Fremont, and Robert and Elizabeth Richardson of Angola; four stepsons, Danny Gollnick of Reading, Mich., James Gollnick of Quincy, Mich., Dean Gollnick of Casper, Wyo., and Kevin Gollnick of Pleasant Lake; two stepdaughters, Debbie Dowell of Quincy, and Julia Hawk of Muncie; a brother and sister-in law, Richard and Rorie Senger of Fremont; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Frances Miller of Michigan City, Loraine and Kenneth Gillespie of Williamsburg, Va., and Susan and Ed Ralston of Angola; five grandchildren; 14 step-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Calling will be two hours before the services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 31, 2007, Tuesday

Cal Hile

WOLF LAKE — Cal B. Hile, 72, of Wolf Lake died at 4:10 p.m. Sunday, July 29, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Hile

He was employed at Dana/Weatherhead in Columbia City before retiring in 1985 with 31 years of service. He then spent eight years with Druge Screw Products in Warsaw.

In 1993 he became co-owner of H and Z Machining in Fort Wayne for five years. He was currently working for Fox Contractors Corp.

Mr. Hile was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church, Noble Township Fire Department and Advisory Board, Dana Pioneer Club, and was active in the Noble Township Democratic Committee.

On June 12, 1935, in Noble County, he was born to Neil and Loleta (Haney) Hile. He spent his formative years in the Wolf Lake area where he attended elementary school and graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1953.

Surviving are his first wife, Shirley Hile of Albion, and his second wife, Carolyn Hile; three sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and (Becky Reed) Hile of Carmel, Jeff and Angie Hile of Fort Wayne, and Joe and Karen Hile of Carmel; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kelley and Dave Andrus of Cedar Springs, Mich., and Fran and Max Lortie of Cromwell; a sister and brother-in-law, Waundeen and Robert Stangland of Columbia City; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Merriam Christian Chapel Church, 3985 S. U.S. 33, Albion, with the Rev. Barry Mershon and the Rev. Steve Pulley, associate church pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the Gideons or the Noble Township Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsons-funeralhome.com.

Thomas Click

ANGOLA — Thomas Eugene Click, 57, of Pekin, Ill., died Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at Pekin Hospital.

Mr. Click had worked as a truck driver in the Peoria, Ill., area for many years.

He was a member of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge No. 1271 in Pekin. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and drawing.

Mr. Click was born Aug. 26, 1949, in Fort Wayne to Eugene and Mary Fitch Clark. He married Judy Rowell on Aug. 26, 1972, in Morton, Ill.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Fitch Clark, Angola; a son, Michel Click of Morton, Ill.; two daughters and one son-in-law, Rachel and Tal Anderson of Raleigh, N.C., and Renee Click of Apex, N.C.; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Diane and John Priest of Fremont and Cheryl and Bob Hamilton of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services were Saturday, July 21, 2007, at Preston-Hanley Funeral Home and Pekin Chapel with the Rev. Terry Rogers officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online at www.preston-hanley.com.

Pauline Caldwell

KENDALLVILLE — Services are pending for Pauline Caldwell, 92, of Kendallville, who died at her residence Monday, July 30, 2007.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Donald Bachelor

ANGOLA — Donald "Donnie" Bachelor of Angola died Sunday, July 29, 2007, at Elmwood Care in Elmwood Park, Ill.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Ariona Wilson

FORT WAYNE — Ariona Ilene Wilson, 2 month, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, July 29, 2007, at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Among her survivors are her parents, Marshawn W. Wilson and Misty Lee Jones.

Arrangements are pending at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton.

Phyllis Anzelmo

ROCKLIN, Calif. — Phyllis Ann Anzelmo, 71, of Rocklin, Calif., died Sunday, July 29, 2007, at her son's home in Fremont.

Mrs. Anzelmo was a homemaker.

She was born Feb. 20, 1936, in Chicago to Lynn and Joan (Dziadula) Darville, who proceeded her in death. She married Joseph Anzelmo on Aug. 11, 1956. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Nancy Anzelmo of Loomis, Calif., and David and Elizabeth Anzelmo of Fremont; two daughters and sons-in-law, Laurel and Howard Hendrix of Shaver Lake, Calif., and Jo Anna and Luke Rump of Bailey, Colo.; a brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Judith Darville of Niles, Ill.; a sister, Doris Merritt of Wisconsin; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Wilda Sheppard

ANGOLA — Wilda I. Sheppard, 77, died Monday, July 30, 2007, in Angola.

Mrs. Sheppard was a switchboard operator with Lincoln National Bank for 14 years, retiring in 1982.

She graduated from Pleasant Lake High School in 1946. She enjoyed traveling, eating out, family, friends and neighbors.

She was born in DeKalb County. She was married to Raymond Sheppard. He died Jan. 23, 2000.

Survivors include three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Margaret and Bob Rupp of Angola, Marcille and Bill Juif of Wolcottville, and Bonnie Bryan of Angola; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Lee and Sandra Kunce, LeRoy and Glenda Kunce, and Roy Kunce, all of Angola, and Richard and Sharon Kunce of Kendallville; several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and -nephews; and great-great-nieces and -nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Betty Derrow.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Roberta Ring officiating. Burial is in Covington Memorial Gardens with military graveside service by the Orland American Legion.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County, Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

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Dorothy Gollnick

FREMONT — Dorothy C. Gollnick, 63, of Fremont died Monday, July 30, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Gollnick worked at Aro Corp. for 33 years.

She enjoyed camping.

She was born March 15, 1944, in Webbers Falls, Okla., to Leonard and Betty (Wadley) Senger. She married Gordon Gollnick on Sept. 9, 1988. He survives.

She is also survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Todd Richardson of Fremont, and Robert and Elizabeth Richardson of Angola; four stepsons, Danny Gollnick of Reading, Mich., James Gollnick of Quincy, Mich., Dean Gollnick of Casper, Wyo., and Kevin Gollnick of Pleasant Lake; two stepdaughters, Debbie Dowell of Quincy, and Julia Hawk of Muncie; a brother and sister-in law, Richard and Rorie Senger of Fremont; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Frances Miller of Michigan City, Loraine and Kenneth Gillespie of Williamsburg, Va., and Susan and Ed Ralston of Angola; five grandchildren; 14 step-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Clarence "Bill" Richardson; and a son, Mark Richardson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Calling will be two hours before the services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Ariona Wilson

Ariona Wilson

FORT WAYNE — Ariona Ilene Wilson, 2 months, died Sunday, July 29, 2007, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

She was born May 12, 2007, in Angola to Marshawn Wilson and Misty Lee Jones.

She is survived by her parents; paternal grandmother Elizabeth Nash of Indianapolis; maternal grandparents Edward and Nancy Martin of Hamilton, and Robert Jones of Edon, Ohio; paternal great-grandparents, Vickie Brown and Richard Newland, both of Marion; maternal great-grandparents, William and Nancy Rosenbrook of Bryan, Ohio, Robert Sr. and Norma Jones of Edgerton, Ohio, and Sonja Martin of Hamilton; paternal great-great-grandmother Betty Royal of Marion; three aunts, Kassandra Martin of Hamilton, Crystin Wilson of Marion and Tiffany Shellenbarger of Defiance, Ohio; two uncles, Andrew and Tyler Martin; and many great aunts and uncles.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton, with the Rev. David Leitzel officiating. Burial will be in Edon Cemetery in Edon, Ohio.

Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, as well as one hour before the service.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and a guest register signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Pauline Caldwell

KENDALLVILLE — Pauline M. Caldwell, 92, of Kendallville died Monday, July 30, 2007, at her residence.

She worked at Trenton Garment Co. in Kendallville in the past.

In Noble County on May 12, 1915, she was born to Oscar B. and Golda B. (Newman) Caldwell.

Surviving are a sister, Maxine Field of Laguna Niguel, Calif.; three nephews, Greg Field of San Diego, Calif., Jon Field and his wife, Beth, of Laguna Niguel, Calif., and Dewey and Twylia Kline of Kendallville; two nieces and their spouses, Deborah and Tim Tunila of Lake Forest, Calif., and Susan and Terry Apitz of Tustin, Calif.; 12 great-nephews and -nieces including Todd Kline of Kendallville, Mike Ebert of Avilla, and Tiffany Glessner of Fishers; and best friend Bonnie Curie of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Gerald, Dale, Willard and Robert Caldwell; a sister, Winifred Kline; and great-nephew Ryan Kline in 2006.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

There is no calling.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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August 1, 2007, Wednesday

Enos Swartzentruber

BRISTOL — Enos Swartzentruber, 84, of Bristol died at 2:20 a.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2007, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen. He had been ill since he had a heart attack on July 22.

Mr. Swartzentruber

Mr. Swartzentruber moved to Bristol from Plain City, Ohio, in 1966, and he had been spending his winters in Florida for the past 20 years.

He was a farmer and a member of Palm Grove Mennonite Church, Sarasota, Fla., and also attended Griner Mennonite Church. He was a volunteer for World Missionary Press and loved to be with his grandchildren.

On July 31, 1923, in Hydro, Okla., he was born to Menno and Esther (Stutzman) Swartzentruber. He married Emma Yoder on Nov. 25, 1948, in Plain City, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are seven daughters and five sons-in-law, Esther and Owen Hershberger of Goshen, Naomi Swartzentruber of Ellenton, Fla., Mary Swartzentruber of Hutchinson, Kan., Carol and Harry Scribner of Goshen, Becky and Al Yoder of Bristol, Rhoda and Menno Hochstedler of Topeka, and Alma and Alfred Yoder of Rosedale, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Elsie Swartzentruber of Nappanee; 12 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Mattie Garver of Plain City, Ohio, Bertha Swartzentruber of Goshen, Ruth Troyer of Sarasota, Fla., Dema and Andrew Chupp of McMinnville, Ore., Naomi and Ernie Swartz of Sarasota, Fla., Irene and Harold Shearer of Sarasota, Fla.; and a brother and sister-in-law Norman and Vera Swartzentruber of Goshen.

His parents and three brothers, Elmer, Menno Jr. and Valentine Swartzentruber, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Fairhaven Mennonite Church, S.R. 4, Goshen, with the Revs. John Yoder, J.R. Weaver and Dale Swartzentruber officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the church, and one hour prior to the services.

Memorials are to World Missionary Press.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Bachelor

ORLAND — Donald "Donnie" Alan Bachelor, 58, of Orland died Monday, July 30, 2007, at Elmwood Care in Elmwood Park, Ill.

Mr. Bachelor was a member of Nevada Mills United Methodist Church. He enjoyed playing the organ and writing and e-mailing family and friends. He wrote short stories and was a published author.

He was born March 1, 1949, in Angola to Charles and Mary Elizabeth "Libby" Bachelor, who both survive.

He is also survived by a brother and sister-in-law, John and Lynn Bachelor of Toledo, Ohio; and two nieces, Jennie and Erica Bachelor of Toledo.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to Nevada Mills United Methodist Church.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 1, 2007, Wednesday

Helen E. Huntsman, 96

ALBION – Helen E. Huntsman, 96, a former resident of rural Albion and widow of Carl G. Huntsman, died at 5:45 a.m. Thursday, July 26, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She had been a resident there since April.

Born in rural DeKalb County near Auburn on June 25, 1911, a daughter of Joe and Ethel (Clouse) Miller, she spent her formative years in rural DeKalb County. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1930 and worked as a young woman at NIPSCO in Auburn.

On Oct. 1, 1932, she was married to Carl G. Huntsman in Albion. The couple spent most of their adult lives on the family farm south of Albion and owned and operated the former Burr Oak Store for 15 years.

Following the death of Mr. Huntsman on Nov. 7, 1989, she continued to live at the farm until moving to Fort Wayne in 2000 to reside with her daughter.

A member of Burr Oak Baptist Church, south of Albion, its ladies guild and The Gleaners, in her leisure time she enjoyed traveling, sewing, reading, doing crossword puzzles and was a champion bargain hunter.

Among survivors are three sons, Steven (Jeni Mitchell) Huntsman of Burnsville, Minn.; Joe (Beverly) Huntsman of Albion, and Hugh Huntsman of Lyons, Colo.; two daughters, Cynthia (Thomas) Haller of Fort Wayne and Anne (Richard) Simon of Kendallville; a sister, Joanne (Jim) Fitch of Auburn; a brother, David (Ruth) Miller of Auburn; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Lela Rathard and two brothers, Donald Miller and Richard Keith Miller.

The funeral service was at Burr Oak Baptist Church. Interment was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the church or the donor's choice.

Ethel Grace Fritz, 96

STROH – Ethel Grace Fritz, age 96, of Stroh, passed away on Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at her home near Big Turkey Lake.

Mrs. Fritz was born in Minot, North Dakota on October 20, 1910 to Jesse R. and Lily M. (Gehres) Ford.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1928 and married Clarence George Fritz on October 14, 1933 in Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and also gave private care of the elderly.

Mrs. Fritz was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville.

Survivors include: two sons, Donald (Patsy) Fritz of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Michael (Sandra) Fritz of Angola; a daughter, Barbara Brown of Stroh; 9 grandchildren: David Brown of Orland; Charles Brown of Stroh; Sherry Brown of Stroh; Katrina Jarrett of Kentucky; Ronnie Fritz of California; Donnie Fritz of California; Shawn Fritz of Lexington, Kentucky; Katie Milne of Greenfield; and Heidi Hornbacher of Angola; 12 great grandchildren; a Brother, Henry Ford, M.D. of Bellview, Texas; three sister-in-laws: Dorothy Inks of Tyler, Texas; Glendora Rathge of Kendallville; and Hellen Fritz of Avilla.

She was preceded in death by parents and husband, Clarence, on September 13, 2000.

Funeral Services were at Messiah Lutheran Church north of Wolcottville on St. Rd. 9. Officiating the funeral service was Rev. James Tews.

Burial was at Wright Cemetery near Stroh.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Messiah Lutheran Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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Helen Treesh, 92

ALBION — Helen I. Treesh, 92, of Albion died Thursday, July 26, 2007, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Treesh had lived in Noble County most of her life. She was the owner of The Spun Shop.

She had worked in the Albion Library, Noble County Courthouse, for Roush & Roush and at Chain O' Lakes State Park.

Mrs. Treesh had also written a column for the Albion New Era.

The salutatorian of her graduating class, Mrs. Treesh was very interested in genealogy and had published a directory of Noble County churches from 1830 through 1900.

She was born June 19, 1915, in Fort Wayne to John and Goldie (Lloyd) Lightfoot.

Surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Doyle and Anne Marie Treesh of Chestertown, N.Y., Phillip and Delores Treesh of Kendallville, James and Linda Treesh of Wasilla, Alaska, Robert and Pat Treesh of Kendallville and Lloyd and Rita Treesh of Avilla; three daughters and a son-in-law, Rosemary and Floyd Uhl of Godrey, Ill., Janet Mendenhall of Albion and Miriam Hunt of Butler, Mo.; 20 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard and Milo Lightfoot.

Graveside services were at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw with the Rev. Dave Perry officiating.

Memorials are to the Noble County Historical Society.

Orvaleen A. Schlotterback, 88

LIGONIER — Orvaleen A. Schlotterback, 88, of Ligonier died at 9:35 a.m. Thursday, July 26, 2007, in Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

She worked at the Seyfert's Potato Chip factory, Perfection Biscuit Co. and at the General Electric plant, all in Fort Wayne.

On April 28, 1919, in Mishawaka, she was born to Ray and Mildred (Huff) Heffner. They preceded her in death. She married Leo Schlotterback. He preceded her in death in 1979.

Surviving are a son, Larry Schlotterback of Syracuse; and a brother and sister-in-law, Ron and Peg Heffner of Kimmel.

In addition to her husband and parents; a brother, Theron Heffner, preceded her in death.

Services were Tuesday, July 31, 2007 at the J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. The Rev. Don Poyser officiated. Burial took place in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmel.

Scott Louis Cowell, 57

WAWAKA — Scott Louis Cowell, 57, of Wawaka died Saturday, July 21, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Cowell was a certified SCUBA instructor and conducted Great Lakes diving trips, later becoming a certified commercial diver working in the Gulf of Mexico, where he was recruited to extinguish oil well fires in Egypt and Venezuela. After returning to his home town of Angola, he worked in wire manufacturing, opening his own mechanical design firm, Northlake Design Group, Inc.

He was a 1968 graduate of Angola High School and later graduated from Purdue University. He was extremely involved in the early growth of the World War II Warbird Museum (NIAM) and enjoyed countless hours restoring a RC45J aircraft. He also enjoyed boating along the Texas Barrier Islands and the Great Lakes.

He is survived by his wife, (Carolyn) Sue Cowell; a stepson, Jerry R. Egly Jr. of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Amy J. Egly of Austin, Texas; a grandson, Mitchell R. Egly of Fort Wayne; his mother, LaNita I. Cowell of Angola; a brother, Thomas H. Cowell of Traverse City, Mich.; and many friends and extended family.

A memorial service will be Sunday, Aug. 5, at 3 p.m. at the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes.

Memorials are to the Purdue University Bands in care of Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes.

Arrangements are by the Northeast Indiana Cremation Society.

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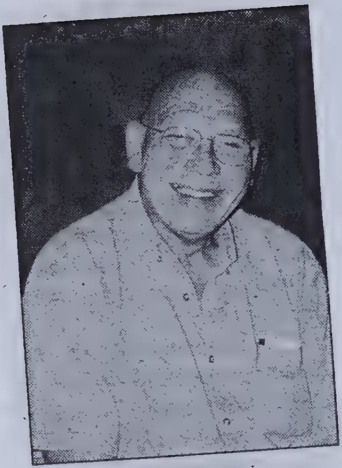

Cal B. Hile, 72

WOLF LAKE: Cal B. Hile, 72, of Wolf Lake, died at 4:10 p.m., Sunday, July 29, 2007 at his home.

He was born June 12, 1935 in Noble County, Indiana a son of Neil and Loleta (Haney) Hile. He spent his formative years in the Wolf Lake area where he attended elementary school and graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1953.

He was employed by Dana/Weatherhead in Columbia City retiring in 1985 with 31 years of service. He then spent 8 years with Druge Screw Products in Warsaw. In 1993, he became co-owner of H and Z Machining in Fort Wayne for 5 years. He was currently working for Fox Contractors Corp.

He was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church, Noble Twp Fire Dept and Advisory Board, Dana Pioneer Club and was active in the Noble Twp Democratic Committee.

Surviving relatives include his first wife, Shirley Hile of Albion and his second wife Carolyn Hile; five children, Scott Hile (Becky Reed) of Fort Wayne, Fran (Max) Lortie of Cromwell, Jeff (Angie) Hile of Fort Wayne, Joe (Karen) Hile of Carmel, Kelley (Dave) Andrus of Cedar Springs, MI; one sister, Waundean (Robert) Stangland of Columbia City and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, August 2, 2007 at Merriam Christian Chapel Church, 3985 S. US 33, Albion, IN with Rev. Barry Mershon and Rev. Steve Pulley, associate church pastor, officiating. The burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, August 1, 2007 at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City and one hour before the service at the church on Thursday.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Gideons or the Noble Twp. Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

Wanda H. Brownell, 87

NEW YORK – Wanda H. Brownell, age 87, of Rhinebeck, New York, passed away on Sunday, July 29, 2007 at the home of her former daughter-in-law, Wanda J. Brownell, in Kendallville.

Mrs. Brownell was born in Schenectady, New York on September 21, 1919 to Julian and Pauline Spodnewski.

She graduated from Mount Pleasant High School in Schenectady, New York. She attended teachers college at Columbia University and was a graduate of Nathan Littauer Hospital School of Nursing in Gloversville, New York.

Mrs. Brownell was employed as a public health nurse for the Dutchess County Department of Health in Rhinebeck, New York until her retirement in 1984.

She married Howard Brownell and he preceded her in death January 27, 2001.

She was a devoted New York Yankee fan, enjoyed knitting, gardening and her beloved Dachshunds, Theo , Molly and Katricia. She also was a wonderful gourmet cook.

Survivors include: two sons, Robert Brownell of Albion and Howard Brownell of Archer, Florida; one daughter, Nancy Brownell of Rhinebeck, New York; former daughter-in-law, Wanda J. Brownell of Kendallville; five grandchildren and one step grandson; 11 great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters, and a daughter-in-law, Caroline Brownell.

No Visitation.

Private Funeral Services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Burial will be at Rhinebeck Cemetery in Rhinebeck, New York.

Preferred Memorials may be made to the Society of Protection & Cruelty to Animals or the Noble County Humane Society. Send memorials to Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street, Kendallville, Indiana 46755.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 2, 2007, Thursday

Florence Carmichael

KENDALLVILLE — Florence Janice Carmichael, 70, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2007, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center, Kendallville.

She was a certified nursing assistant for eight years at the Lutheran Home in Kendallville and 12 years at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center. She retired in 2000.

Mrs. Carmichael loved to go to garage sales, spending time with her family and grandchildren, and enjoyed her dog Snuggles. She also loved lilacs, cooking, taking care of other people and collecting teddy bears.

In Three Oaks, Mich., she was born to John E. and Elizabeth B. (Duddleson) Gearhart on March 9, 1937. She married Norman Ross Carmichael on Jan. 9, 1954, in Crown Point. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, John Bryan and Deanna Carmichael of Avilla, and Scott Carmichael of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Nicole and Tavis Hertel of Fort Wayne, Katie Carmichael of Waterloo and Cody Carmichael and Chris Carmichael, both of Kendallville; three stepgrandsons, Ben and Derek Tuffley, both of Kendallville, and Kyle Tuffley and his wife, Carolyn, of Fort Wayne; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Lloyd and Laura Gearhart of Three Oaks, Mich., and George Gearhart of Rolling Prairie; five sisters and five brothers-in-law, Louise and Cecil Ahmsteadt of Loveland, Colo., Sharon and Jim Feirick of Humbolt, Tenn., Nancy and Larry Darling of Rolling Prairie, Marlene and George Nelson of Statesville, N.C., and Mary Lou and George Bladecki of Rolling Prairie.

Her parents, sisters Phyllis Kothe and Ellen Pearson, and a stepgrandson in 1992, Travis Tuffley, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the family in care of Hite Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Elizabeth Souder

FORT WAYNE — Elizabeth A. "Liz" Souder, 47, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Decatur died Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Souder taught at Adams Central High School for six years. She was a member of Zion United Church of Christ in Decatur, the Indiana State Teachers Association and the National Education Association.

She was born Dec. 29, 1959, at Fort Leonardwood, Mo., to Neil and Susan M. (Heller) Keller. Her parents survive in Decatur.

She married Steve Souder on June 24, 2005. He survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are her mother-in-law, Dolores Souder of Auburn; a son, Michael Fick, who is a student at Purdue University in West Lafayette; a stepson, Corey Souder of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Tracey and Eric Garner of Decatur; a brother, Craig Keller of Decatur; a sister, Jan Gross of Decatur; and her grandmothers, Mary Jessup and Bernadine Heller, both of Decatur.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Zion United Church of Christ in Decatur. The Rev. Jean Carmen will officiate. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, 225 W. Adams St., Decatur.

Memorials are to the Elizabeth Souder Scholarship Fund.

To sign an online guest book, visit www.haggardandsefton.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 2, 2007, Thursday

Julia Lehsten

WAKARUSA — Julia M. Lehsten, 83, of Wakarusa died at 3:30 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor, Wakarusa.

She was born Feb. 5, 1924, in Heflin, Ala., to Thomas and Nancy (Fields) Mitchell. She married Joseph Cole Jr. on Dec. 17, 1945. He died in April 1961. She married Robert Lehsten on March 31, 1990. He died Nov. 26, 1996.

She is survived by two daughters, Judy and Jacqueline Cole, both of Elkhart; one son, Danny Cole of Elkhart; five grandchildren, including Rachel (Gisel) Reed of Avilla; nine great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Dessie Grizzard of Muscatine, Ala., and Sally Griffin of Aniston, Ala.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Albert, Elbert, Tom and Bill; and one sister, Florence Mitchell.

Services were today at Chapel Hill Funeral Home, Osceola, with the Rev. Jack McGlassen officiating. Burial was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Osceola.

Fay Buncher

KENDALLVILLE — Fay Susie Buncher, 85, of Kendallville died Tuesday, July 31, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She spent most of her adult life in St. Louis, Mo.

On Aug. 10, 1921, she was born to Robert and Maude (Mosley) Shipp in West Frankfort, Ill. She married Stephen William Buncher. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are four sons, Christopher, Stanley, Daniel and Timothy; and a daughter and son-in-law, Angela and Michael Baczinski of rural Kendallville.

In addition to her husband, a son, David Harvell, preceded her in death.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at Saint Cecilia's Church, St. Louis, Mo. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Waterloo, Ill.

Calling will be from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday at Kutis Funeral Home, 2906 Gravois Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Beatrice Nichols

SOUTH MILFORD — Services are pending for Beatrice Nichols, 85, of South Milford, who died Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville where she had been staying since March.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Donna Sarrazin

ANGOLA — Donna Mary Sarrazin, 27, of Angola died Monday, July 23, 2007, in Williams County, Ohio.

Ms. Sarrazin worked in computer graphics and sales at Universal Forest Products in White Pigeon, Mich.

She was born May 8, 1980, in Fort Wayne to David and Mary Gwen (Dumask) Sarrazin. Both survive.

Also surviving are a daughter, Janis Sarrazin of Angola; two grandfathers, Lambert Dumask and Aubrey Sarrazin, both of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Scott David and Kimberly Sarrazin of Angola; and a niece, Jenna Sarrazin of Angola.

A memorial Mass is scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, with the Revs. Fred Pasche and Timothy Wrozek officiating. A rosary will be said from 8 to 8:30 a.m. that day at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be sent to a memorial account for Janis Sarrazin at Fifth Third bank.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
August 2, 2007, Thursday

Scott Cowell

WAWAKA — Scott Louis Cowell, 57, of Wawaka died Saturday, July 21, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Cowell was a certified SCUBA instructor and conducted Great Lakes diving trips, later becoming a certified commercial diver working in the Gulf of Mexico, where he was recruited to extinguish oil well fires in Egypt and Venezuela. After returning to his home town of Angola, he worked in wire manufacturing, opening his own mechanical design firm, Northlake Design Group, Inc.

Mr. Cowell

He was a 1968 graduate of Angola High School and later graduated from Purdue University. He was extremely involved in the early growth of the World War II Warbird Museum (NIAM) and enjoyed countless hours restoring a RC45J aircraft. He also enjoyed boating along the Texas Barrier Islands and the Great Lakes.

He is survived by his wife, (Carolyn) Sue Cowell; a stepson, Jerry R. Egly Jr. of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Amy J. Egly of Austin, Texas; a grandson, Mitchell R. Egly of Fort Wayne; his mother, LaNita I. Cowell of Angola; a brother, Thomas H. Cowell of Traverse City, Mich.; and many friends and extended family.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes.

Memorials are to the Purdue University Bands in care of Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes.

Arrangements are by the Northeast Indiana Cremation Society.

Orvaleen Schlotterback

LIGONIER — Orvaleen A. Schlotterback, 88, of Ligonier died at 9:35 a.m. Thursday, July 26, 2007, in Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

She worked at the Seyfert's Potato Chip factory, Perfection Biscuit Co. and at the General Electric plant, all in Fort Wayne.

On April 28, 1919, in Mishawaka, she was born to Ray and Mildred (Huff) Heffner. They preceded her in death. She married Leo Schlotterback. He preceded her in death in 1979.

Surviving are a son, Larry Schlotterback of Syracuse; and a brother and sister-in-law, Ron and Peg Heffner of Kimmell.

In addition to her husband and parents; a brother, Theron Heffner, preceded her in death.

Services were Tuesday at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
August 2, 2007, Thursday

Cal Hile

WOLF LAKE — Cal B. Hile, 72, of Wolf Lake died at 4:10 p.m. Sunday, July 29, 2007, at his residence.

He was employed at Dana/Weatherhead in Columbia City before retiring in 1985 with 31 years of service. He then spent eight years with Druge Screw Products in Warsaw.

Mr. Hile

In 1993 he became co-owner of H and Z Machining in Fort Wayne for five years. He was currently working for Fox Contractors Corp.

Mr. Hile was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church, Noble Township Fire Department and Advisory Board, Dana Pioneer Club, and was active in the Noble Township Democratic Committee.

On June 12, 1935, in Noble County, he was born to Neil and Loleta (Haney) Hile. He spent his formative years in the Wolf Lake area where he attended elementary school and graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1953.

Surviving are his first wife, Shirley Hile of Albion, and his second wife, Carolyn Hile; three sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and (Becky Reed) Hile of Carmel, Jeff and Angie Hile of Fort Wayne, and Joe and Karen Hile of Carmel; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kelley and Dave Andrus of Cedar Springs, Mich., and Fran and Max Lortie of Cromwell; a sister and brother-in-law, Waundeen and Robert Stangland of Columbia City; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were at 11 a.m. today at Merriam Christian Chapel Church, 3985 S. U.S. 33, Albion, with the Rev. Barry Mershon and the Rev. Steve Pulley, associate church pastor, officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the Gideons or the Noble Township Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com. Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, was in charge of arrangements.

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Kendallville, IN
August 3, 2007, Friday

Beatrice Nichols

SOUTH MILFORD — Beatrice Ellen Nichols, 85, of South Milford died Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and farm wife helping, her husband manage their South Milford-area farm.

Mrs. Nichols

Mrs. Nichols was a member of Zion Lutheran Church near Corunna where she belonged to the church's ladies aide. She was a volunteer in the past for the American Red Cross and a member of the South Milford Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. She loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and enjoyed gardening.

On Sept. 23, 1921, in Jefferson Township, she was born to Ernest David and Flossie Fern (Rauh) Bahls. She married Roy Albert Nichols on June 22, 1947, at Zion Lutheran Church near Corunna. He preceded her in death on Jan. 17, 2003.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Dan Strater of South Milford; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Tammi Nichols of South Milford; grandchildren Michael and Ruth Strater, Timothy and Jeni Strater and James Nichols, all of South Milford, and Lori Strater and her companion, Clint Lepper, and Shannon Nichols, all of Kendallville; great grandchildren Morina Strater, Brandon Strater, Kyle Lepper, Madison Strater and a baby Brady due any day.

In addition to her husband and her parents, a daughter, Dianne Nichols on May 27, 2005; a brother, Don Bahls, in October 2000; and a sister, Margaret E. Bassett, in May 1968, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Zion Lutheran Church near Corunna with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be at Zion Lutheran Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Mike and Tim Strater, James Nichols, Clint Lepper and Dave and Tom Bassett.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

View a video tribute after Sunday or send condolences online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ruth Brown

ALBION — Ruth Etta Brown, 91, of Albion died at 1:45 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, 2007, in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville where she had been a patient since Monday.

Mrs. Brown

She worked on the assembly line making windings for motors at Flint & Walling in Kendallville before retiring in 1979 after 28 years of service.

She grew up in Sparta Township, then lived on the farm in Jefferson Township for 22 years before moving to Albion for two years. She then moved back to Jefferson Township for 20 years, and then to Laverna Terrace in Avilla in 1986 for 19 years.

Her family and her garden were the loves of her life.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

In Sparta Township, Noble County, she was born to Charles Wesley and Etta Maude (Newberry) Johnson on March 16, 1916. She married Arby Don Brown on June 26, 1935, in Goshen. He preceded her in death on Nov. 4, 1984.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald G. and Janet Brown of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Roger Stonebburner of Albion; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband and parents, two sons, Ronald Brown in 1958, and Johnny Brown in 1942, and 12 brothers and sisters preceded her death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Brett Frymier officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home, 771 Trail Ridge Road.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, is in charge of arrangements.

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August 3, 2007, Friday

Floyd Fetter

GARRETT — Floyd A. Fetter, 86, of Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla and a former lifetime Garrett resident, died Thursday, Aug. 2, 2007, at 9:32 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Fetter

Mr. Fetter worked in the smokehouse for Peter Eckrich Meats in Fort Wayne for 30 years, retiring in 1981. He worked on the B&O Railroad before entering the military service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving with the 728th Railroad Division. He was discharged Dec. 5, 1945.

He was a lifetime member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Rosary Society in Garrett. He was a life member of the Garrett Eagles and American Legion Post 178 in Garrett, serving as past commander. He was a past Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus Council 1790 and a past Faithful Navigator of the Anthony Wayne Assembly, Fort Wayne. He was a charter member of the Mother Teresa 4th degree Assembly 2581 in Garrett, a member of the Garrett Alumni Association, the Garrett Lions Club, Historical Society and a board member of the Garrett Community Center. He was very active in the Boy Scout program and was a former co-owner of Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

He was born Nov. 23, 1920, in Garrett, to John J. and Mary B. (Foulk) Fetter.

He met Marjorie M. Kutchey in May 1946 and married her Nov. 28, 1946, in Lansing, Mich. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Connie Myers of Garrett, Anita and Steve Tullis of Corunna and Tina and Tom Drzewiecki of Garrett; three sons and daughters-in-law, Ron and Betty Fetter of Sealy, Texas, Bill and Star Fetter of Kendallville and John and Anne Fetter of Goshen; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a grandson, Mark A. Myers, a brother, Edward Fetter, and five sisters, Coletta Wyss, Catherine Fetter, Sister Anna Rita Fetter, Mary Frances and Bernadine Fetter.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett, with Father Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

A rosary service will take place Sunday at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph School, the Garrett post of the American Legion, the Garrett Community YMCA, Provena Sacred Heart Home, the Garrett Lions Club, or a charity of the donor's choice.

To send condolences or sign an online register book, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Darwin Garrison

FORT STEWART, Ga. — Darwin James Garrison, 64, formerly a Wolcottville area resident, died Tuesday, July 24, 2007.

He was born on Oct. 25, 1942, in Fort Wayne, grew up in the Wolcottville area and lived in Bluffton for a number of years.

Surviving are a daughter, Janine Burge of Georgia; two sons, Kenneth Garrison of Middlebury and Jedediah Garrison of Bluffton; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Diana; a daughter, Rhonda; a brother; and two sisters.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Jeremy Mast

SHIPSHEWANA — Jeremy Wayne Mast, 24, of rural Shipshewana died at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2007, at his residence.

He worked at Cherokee RV in Topeka and was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

On July 15, 1983, he was born in Goshen to David and Marlene (Slabaugh) Mast. On May 24, 2007, he married Rhoda Yutzy in Shipshewana. She survives.

Also surviving are his parents in Middlebury; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Karl and Loretta Mast, and Jason and Kevin Mast, all of Middlebury; three sisters, Lisa, LuAnn and Lorraine Mast, all of Middlebury; grandparents Ora and Effie Mast of Middlebury and Katie Slabaugh of Nappanee; and two nephews, Justin and Jayden Mast, both of Middlebury.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the Phillip Miller residence, 6685W, U.S. 20, with Bishops Gerald Troyer, Robert Mullet and Alvin Hershberger officiating. Burial will be in East Barrens Cemetery, Shipshewana. Pallbearers will be Allen, John, Larry and Anthony Troyer, Loren Miller and Kenneth Lambright.

Calling will be after all day today at the Phillip Miller home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Tony Runion Jr.

AUBURN — Tony Runion Jr., 85, of Auburn, died Thursday, Aug. 2, 2007, at Regency Place of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Runion worked in the receiving department for Zollner Corp. in Fort Wayne for 38 years, retiring in 1978.

He served in the U.S. Army from April 21, 1944, to Oct. 9, 1945, and was a prisoner of war in Germany. He received a bronze star and two battle stars.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Zollner Quarter Century Club, the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Auburn Disabled American Veterans and American Ex-Prisoners of War.

He was born Sept. 25, 1921, in Garrett, to Tony Runion Sr. and Margaret (Bogner) Runion.

He married Willadine Gerbers on Oct. 15, 1950, in Woodburn. She survives in rural Auburn.

Also surviving are a son, Duane Runion of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Delana Kantzer of Fort Wayne; a brother, Norman Runion of Garrett; and a sister, Opal Wisel of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Adrian Runion and Everett Runion.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of Garrett, with graveside military services conducted by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or the Garrett post of the American Legion.

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Richard Tierney

CHURUBUSCO — Richard T. Tierney, 78, a former resident of Wappes Road in rural Churubusco and also of Wheatfield Lane in Churubusco, died early Thursday morning, Aug. 2, 2007, in The Oaks Care Center, Columbia City, where he had been a patient for three months.

Mr. Tierney

Mr. Tierney was employed at Tokheim Corp. in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1984 after 40 years of service. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

He lived in the Allen County area for most of his life and was a graduate of Central High School in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege, its Holy Name Society, the Garrett Knights of Columbus 1790 and the Tokheim Veterans Club.

He was born Sept. 30, 1928, in Fort Wayne to Edward J. and Lucinda M. (Lobsiger) Tierney.

He married Jane L. Bragg on April 29, 1950, in Fort Wayne. She died Jan. 30, 1988.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Linda Tierney of Bloomington and Michael and Roberta Tierney of Churubsuco; two daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa and Larry Slone of Pierceton and Kathy and Dan Clark of Spencerville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Carolyn Richardson and Patsy and Melvin Hendricks, all of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Edward, and a sister, Wanda.

Services will be Saturday at 4 p.m. in Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in the Ege Catholic Cemetery in Noble County.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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August 4, 2007, Saturday

Jack Lepley

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. — Jack L. Lepley, 66, originally of Angola, died Saturday, July 14, 2007, at his home in Bonita Springs, Fla.

Mr. Lepley

Mr. Lepley owned and operated Lepley's Steak House in Angola for 15 years. He also was the chef for Sunset Inn at Crooked Lake, The Roadhouse in Angola; Jenkin's Junction in Orland and The Bull Pen Cafe in Fremont.

He also worked as a dispatcher for the Angola Police Department from 1980-1992. He was a faithful member of the Angola Lions Club and the Masonic Lodge. He also actively supported the Steuben County 4-H Horse & Pony Club.

His hobbies included cooking, fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his mother, Jane Ann Beirsheim; daughter Kelli J. Lambert; and two sons, Scott Lepley and Chad Lepley; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all of Angola.

A fall memorial service is pending.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct the spelling of a name.*

Thomas Click

ANGOLA — Thomas Eugene Click, 57, of Pekin, Ill., died Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at Pekin Hospital.

Mr. Click had worked as a truck driver in the Peoria, Ill., area for many years.

He was a member of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge No. 1271 in Pekin. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and drawing.

Mr. Click was born Aug. 26, 1949, in Fort Wayne to Eugene and Mary Fitch Click. He married Judy Rowell on Aug. 26, 1972, in Morton, Ill.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Fitch Click, Angola; a son, Michel Click of Morton, Ill.; two daughters and one son-in-law, Rachel and Tal Anderson of Raleigh, N.C., and Renee Click of Apex, N.C.; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Diane and John Priest of Fremont and Cheryl and Bob Hamilton of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services were Saturday, July 21, 2007, at Preston-Hanley Funeral Home and Pekin Chapel with the Rev. Terry Rogers officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online at www.preston-hanley.com.

Thomas Geiger

CHURUBUSCO — Thomas H. "Tom" Geiger, 85, a former resident of Churubusco and Fort Wayne, died Thursday, Aug. 2, 2007, in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Center in Columbia City, where he had been a patient since May.

Mr. Geiger had been living at Barton Lake in rural Fremont prior to entering the nursing facility. He was an avid motorcycle rider.

He retired in 1982 from Parrish Trucking Co. as a truck driver, and had served with the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Geiger was born March 21, 1922, in Green Township, Whitley County, to Herschel and Leona (Eberly) Geiger.

Surviving are three children and a son-in-law, Sandra and Armando Alaniz of Milford, and Karen Wilson and Randy Geiger, both of Columbia City; two stepsons and stepdaughters-in-law, Dale and Susan Kuglin of Lexington, Ohio, and Dennis and Lucy Kuglin of Dyer; a brother and sister-in-law, Franklin and Lenora Ellen Geiger of Churubusco; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his second wife, Bernadette (Diehm) Geiger and three brothers, Everett Geiger, Bill Geiger and Earl Geiger.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will follow in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association or the Veterans Memorial on O'Day Road in Allen County.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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August 4, 2007, Saturday

Eleanor Hartman

FORT WAYNE — Eleanor M. (Harber) Hartman of Fort Wayne died Friday, Aug. 3, 2007, surrounded by her family.

She was a graduate of Central Catholic High School and worked as a surgical technician at Lutheran Hospital for 20 years. She was very active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Queen of Angels Parish. She loved people and had a zest for life.

She was born in Yoder to Clarence and Selena Harber.

Surviving are her husband, George E. Hartman of Fort Wayne; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Stephen and Charlotte Hartman of Hickory, N.C., David Hartman of Ashland, Mass., and Gary Hartman of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Susan and Eric Jahn of Grayslake, Ill., and Annette Hartman of Lafayette, Colo.; eight grandchildren, Lauren and Andrew Hartman, David, Emily and Alex Jahn, Mitchell, MacKenzie and Madison Hartman; and three sisters and a brother-in-law, Sister Ruth Harber of Anderson and Audrey and Ralph Deitche and Theresa Harber, all of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Eloise DeKoninck, in January 2007.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1500 W. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, with Father Gary Sigler officiating. Burial will be in St. Aloysius Catholic Cemetery at Yoder.

Calling will be Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. A Rosary service will begin at 8:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, followed by a St. Vincent de Paul Service.

Memorials are to Masses or the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Homer Beam

MONROEVILLE — Homer Dwane Beam, 74, of Monroeville died Friday, Aug. 3, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Beam was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church in Monroeville. He was also a member of American Legion 420 of Monroeville, Moose Lodge 2094 of Defiance, Ohio, V.F.W. Post 2457 of New Haven and Eagles Aerie 3164 of New Haven. He served in the United States Navy during the Korean War.

He retired in 1986 from International Harvester with 30 years of service as a production worker.

He was born July 28, 1933, in Fort Wayne to Alva Melvin and Neva Mae (Buck) Beam. He married Mary (Brown) Beam on Nov. 7, 1959, in St. Andrews Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. She survives in Monroeville.

Also surviving are his sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and James Freeman of Lake City, Fla., and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Beam was preceded in death by his parents and seven brothers and sisters.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Rose Catholic Church in Monroeville with Father Stephen Colchin officiating. A prayer service will precede the service at 9:30 a.m. in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville.

Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne. Military graveside services will be conducted by the American Legion Post 420 Color Guard.

Calling will be Sunday from 1-5 p.m. in the funeral home. A Rosary will follow calling.

Memorials may be made to Masses to the Church or Parkview Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to www.zwickjahn.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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August 5, 2007, Sunday

A frugal, hard-working man

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Lloyd and Helen Mertz celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Jan. 24. Mr. Mertz, a farmer who spent his life in DeKalb County, died July 10.

Mertz played hard, too, had a good sense of humor

BY VIV ROSSWURM
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ASHLEY — A hard-working farmer who enjoyed life, liked to help others, was fascinated with history and had a great sense of humor — that's how most people remember Lloyd W. Mertz.

Mr. Mertz, who died July 10 at the age of 93, was very active in Zion Lutheran Church, the DeKalb County Farm Bureau and the DeKalb County Historical Society.

"I knew him well," said John Martin Smith, DeKalb County's official historian. "He was always a gentleman and eager to help people. He was very interested in local history. I used to work with him on the DeKalb Historical Society, but I also saw him later, when he was a resident at a local nursing home. Lloyd always liked to talk — mostly about farming and the price of crops."

Mr. Mertz's daughter, Harriet Redman of Appleton, Wis., remembers hearing a perfect description of her father a few years ago while traveling to Tieringen, Germany, a small village where the Mertz clan lived before immigrating to the United States in the 1830s.

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Dale Mertz said. "When I was young, I often went along on fishing trips with dad and his uncle because there was a limit on bluegill. They took me along so they could increase their numbers."

Dale and Harriet both agree one of their father's greatest attributes was his sense of humor.

"We always laughed at home," Harriet Redman said. "Dad worked hard, played hard — he was a great euchre player — and laughed often. Even in the last days of his life, he would make the nurses and staff laugh with his wit."

Lloyd Mertz liked to help others, and his good will did not stop at the county line. Lloyd and Helen Mertz were honored a few years ago after they helped establish an endowment fund to help children who have brothers and sisters with disabilities through the Fox Valley Sibling Support Network, an organization in Appleton, Wis.

Mr. Mertz lived his entire life in DeKalb County, buying a farm on C.R. 15 near Ashley in 1938 and living and farming there until 2002. He married Helen P. (Anderson) Mertz on Jan. 24, 1937, at the Zion Lutheran Church.

Everett Berryhill — who eventually bought the Mertz family farm — misses talking with his longtime friend.

"Lloyd was honest and fair and very knowledgeable of farming. His knowledge was priceless," Berryhill said. "He gave me a lot of good advice. I always enjoyed our long conversations because he was quite a historian, especially about Fairfield Township."

Mr. Mertz was active in his church and was also a member of the Lutheran International Laymen's League. According to son, Dale, he was very active in farming in general.

"He was on the board of the milk cooperative for five years and was very involved in anything having to do with dairy farming," Dale Mertz said.

After Lloyd Mertz retired, he turned the old milkhouse into a workshop and took up woodworking — a hobby he loved.

"He used a variety of wood but especially liked to work with oak and walnut," Dale Mertz said. "He made walking canes, candle holders, bowls and other items. He gave away very interesting and nice wooden pieces as gifts."

Just a few years ago, Harriet Redman and her parents went shopping in Shipshewana.

"Dad wasn't able to walk very far and was using one of the many canes he had made, and he usually sat on a bench outside the stores while we shopped," Harriet Redman remembers.

"After a half-hour or so, I went to check on him. He was talking with an Amish gentleman," Redman said.

Before the gentleman got up to leave, he agreed to buy one of Lloyd Mertz's hand-carved canes and one of his hand-turned candle holders, sight unseen.

"There are still Mertzes living there, so we asked others in the village how they would describe Mertz family members," Redman said. "Their immediate response translated to 'hard-working and frugal.' We knew right away we had found the right Mertz clan."

Lloyd Mertz was born Sept. 3, 1913, in DeKalb County to Edward J. and Lillian (Kammerer) Mertz, as one of five children. Two brothers survive, Robert of Kendallville and Ralph of Knoxville, Tenn. Five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive.

"Dad loved woodworking and fishing," said Dale Mertz, his son, who lives in Berne with his wife, Lula.

"Dad was an avid fisherman and loved to go to the smaller, unpopulated lakes in northeast Indiana and fish."

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 6, 2007, Monday

Maryann Baker

LAGRANGE — Maryann S. Baker, 72, of LaGrange died at 4:33 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

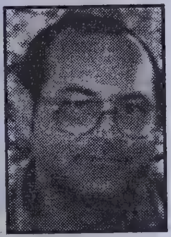
Mary Miller

WABASH — Mary Jane Miller, 86, of Wabash and formerly of Albion died at 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007, at Bickford Cottage in Wabash.

Services are pending at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service in Wabash.

Michael Veit

KENDALLVILLE — Michael James Veit, 51, of Kendallville died Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Veit

Mr. Veit was employed as a certified tire technician at Noble County Tire and had worked for 26 years for his father at J & M Tire in Kendallville. He took great pride in satisfying his customers.

He was a 1974 graduate of East Noble High School.

Mr. Veit enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and beloved pet dog.

He was born May 8, 1956, in Kendallville to James Edward and Melda Mae (Stackhouse) Veit. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are six sisters and four brothers-in-law, Carolyn Veit of Kendallville, Becky Veit of Fort Wayne, Beverly and Greg Lower of LaGrange, Barbara and Dan Denney of Hudson, Sandra and Gary Bolen of Rome City and Rachel and Todd Hart of Auburn; three nieces, Melissa Warble, Elizabeth Denney and Dana Denney; three nephews, Christopher Lower, Andrew Hart and Wesley Bolen; his grandmother, Ruth Stackhouse of Kendallville; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Raymond Stackhouse, and paternal grandparents, Nelson and Emma Veit.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Mike Booher officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Greg Lower, Adam Warble, Chris Lower, Dan Denney, Gary Bolen and Todd Hart.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Bailey Geist

AUBURN — Bailey Cynthia Geist, infant daughter of Clinton M. Geist and Jill S. Crosby, both of Auburn, was stillborn Friday, Aug. 3, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Surviving are her parents; paternal grandparents Terra and Dennis Heffley of Auburn and Edward Geist of Garrett; maternal grandparents, Tammy Crosby and Charlie Decker, both of Auburn; paternal great-grandparents, Irene and Raymond Goe of Auburn, Max and Jewel Geist of Celina, Tenn., and Wava Collins of Angola; her godmother, Vanessa Heffley of Garrett; her uncles, Travis L. Crosby and his companion, Rachel King of Auburn and Chase M. Geist of Garrett; and her cousins, David Edsall and Taylor Crosby, both of Auburn.

Her maternal great-grandfather, Hagin Collins, preceded her in death in 1995.

Calling will be Tuesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

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Lois Mekus

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Lois G. (Fett) Baker Mekus, 77, of Defiance, Ohio died Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007, at 6:20 a.m. in Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

Mrs. Mekus was a member of St. Mary Catholic church in Defiance. She was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars 3360 Auxiliary in Defiance and a member of AmVets 1991 Auxiliary, Jewell Legion Auxiliary, Defiance Eagles Auxiliary and Ladies of the Moose. She retired from Oren Elliott Co. in Edgerton, Ohio.

She was born Aug. 17, 1929, in Fort Wayne to Ammi and Alice (Moyer) Fett.

She married Richard Mekus in 1985, and he survives.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Elmer Baker. They married in 1953, and he died in 1959.

Also surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Deb and Denny Penland of Auburn, Brenda and Jess Myers of Auburn, Cheri and Dan Kaiser of Butler, Jodi and Marty Cocke of Defiance, Ohio, and Tina and Chris Schmidt of Cecil, Ohio; three sons, Stanley "Kirk" Baker and his companion, Sara Willitzer, of Montpelier, Ohio, Greg and Jeanine Michael of Phoenix, Ariz., and Steve Michael of Phoenix; a sister and her husband, Chloe Ann and Larry Parker of Tremont, Miss.; 19 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Chuck, Jim and Neil Fett; one sister, Charlene Comber; and her parents.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Defiance, Ohio, with Father Tim Kummerer officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery in Defiance.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home, 1753 S. Clinton St., Defiance, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Defiance County Hospice or Masses.

Grace LeFils

CLERMONT, Fla. — Grace C. LeFils, 95, formerly of Angola, died Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2007, in Clermont, Fla.

Ms. LeFils lived in Chicago until she moved to Angola in 1990. She moved to Florida earlier this year.

She was the daughter of Arthur and Walburga (Hoss) LeFils, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by two nieces and their husbands; Judith LeFils and Jack Severyns of Groveland, Fla., and Josephine and Joseph Territo; six great-nieces and nephews and four of their spouses, Joan and Edward Bajda, Karen and Ken Carpenter, James and Terri Severyns, Joseph Territo, Robert and Jennifer Territo, and Thomas Territo; and great-great nephews and nieces, Benjamin, Luke, Matthew, Daniel, Christopher Bajda, Katherine, Korwin, Kassidy, Kevin Carpenter, Erica Paul and Katelyn Ternto.

She was also preceded in death by her brother, Raymond LeFils.

Services were this morning at 11 a.m. at St. Monica Church in Chicago. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Calling was from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. this morning at the Kolbus - John V. May Funeral Home in Chicago.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the donor's choice.

THE NEWS SUN
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August 7, 2007, Tuesday

MaryAnn Baker

LAGRANGE — MaryAnn S. Baker, 81, of LaGrange died at 4:33 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Baker had served as controller for Longs Department Store in Oregon.

Mrs. Baker

She was a veteran of the WAC and served at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Mrs. Baker was born Sept. 1, 1925, in St. Helens, Ore., to William G. and Nan (Sharp) Simpson. She married Donald C. Baker on Nov. 2, 1946, in St. Helens. He preceded her in death in 2003.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Leon "Butch" and Kathleen Baker of Howe; three brothers, Robert Simpson, Leonard Simpson and Richard Simpson, all of Oregon; a sister, Nanita Mallory of Oregon; five grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and longtime friends, Jean McBride and Jerry and Joanne Eisenzimmer, all of St. Helens.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, William in 1982.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Father Mark Weaver of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in LaGrange officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Disabled American Veterans.

Condolences may be sent online to condolences@earthlink.net.

William Woods

GARRETT — William S. Woods, 61, of Garrett died Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Woods was a member of the Garrett Eagles.

He was born Sept. 5, 1945, in Fort Wayne to James W. and Kathleen J. Woods. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a son, Clint Woods of Garrett; two daughters, Kimberly Habig of Auburn and Christina Ricketts of Waterloo; a stepdaughter, Angie of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Jim Steckley of Waterloo; one grandaughter; three nieces; and one nephew.

No services or calling will be conducted. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the Garrett Eagles.

Carolyn Grove

BRISTOL — Carolyn Eugenia Grove, 82, of Bristol died Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2007, at The Maples in Goshen where she had been a resident for five days.

She had retired in 1969 from the Milford Public Library. Prior to that she had taught elementary classes at Edwardsburg, Mich., and Jimtown, Plymouth and Howe, Ind., for more than 17 years.

She was a member of Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren near Middlebury.

Following her retirement, she enjoyed traveling to Europe.

She attended the Juday and Vistula one-room schools and graduated from Middlebury High School in 1942. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Goshen College in 1948 and Bachelor of Science degree from Goshen College in 1956. She received a master's degree in education in 1968 from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 3, 1925, in Elkhart County to Alvin M. and Kathryn (Everhock) Grove. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a niece, Myrna Grove of Bryan, Ohio; and two nephews and their wives, Milan and Mary Grove of Ardmore, Pa., and Dean and Mary Grove of Bellevue, Wash.; and four great-nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Ronald Grove and Kedric Grove, and a sister-in-law, Florence Grove.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren at Middlebury with Pastor Charles Tayler officiating. Burial will be in Brown Cemetery near Millersburg.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Lewis Fritz

FORT WAYNE — Lewis L. "Sonny" Fritz, 74, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Aug. 6, 2007, at his home surrounded by his family.

Mr. Fritz

Mr. Fritz was a native of Hardin, Mont.

Mr. Fritz was a gas serviceman with NIPSCO for 40 years, retiring in 1992.

He was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church and American Legion Post 82.

Mr. Fritz was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, being at the lake and traveling out West.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy A. Fritz of Fort Wayne; his children, Linda and Tom Osborn of Winchester, Jerome Fritz of LaGrange, Karen and Scott Frederickson of Fort Wayne, and Jason and Lisa Fritz of Noblesville; grandchildren, Megan, Matthew, Rachael Osborn, Allison, Lizabeth, Victoria, Wendy and Charlie Fritz, Mitchell and Brooks Frederickson, CJ and Maggie Fritz; a great-granddaughter, Karyn Fritz; a sister, Charlyene and Roy Hall of South Milford; a niece, Royetta and Steve Wilder of Auburn; nephews, Rusty and April Hall of South Milford and Rod and Marie Hall of Albion; and a great-niece, Melissa Shepherd of South Milford.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Gordon Samra officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park with military graveside honors by American Legion Post 82.

Calling will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the South Milford United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 176, South Mildford. IN 46786.

Gloria Balbaugh

FORT WAYNE — Gloria R. (Middleton) Balbaugh, 76, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007, at her home surrounded by her family.

She graduated from Arcola High School in 1949.

Mrs. Balbaugh's joy in life came from her faith in God, love of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended host of family and friends. She was a stranger to no one and found good in everyone she met.

She was born in Allen County on May 13, 1931, to Edward and Lovina (Happel) Hagan. She married Richard Middleton on Aug. 26, 1950. He died Feb. 7, 2000. She then married Maynard "Joe" Balbaugh in June 2001. He survives.

Also surviving are her husband's children, David and Anne Balbaugh, Carol and John Hansen of Milford, Mich., Jim and Linda Rowley of Jackson, Mich.; her children, Mark Middleton of Kendallville, Jay Middleton of Wolcottville, Billie Jo and Mark Warner of Hudson, Jodie and John Evans of Auburn and Connie Smith of South Bend; her grandchildren, Mike Walkup, Sarah Middleton, Adam Middleton, Sean Middleton, Jess Middleton, Josh Rupert, Brent Rupert, Amy Paul, Kristen Albert, Drew Warner, Adam Warner, Stacy Spornhauer, Stephanie Spornhauer, Kadish Evans, Mackenzie Evans, Nate Heffley, Mandy Heffley, Christopher Rooks, Diane Armstrong, Nicole Murphy, Jack Hall, Scott Hall, Devon, Phillip and Matthew; and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother Sam Hagan; three sisters, Dorothy Leonard, Madeline Walsh and Viva Stout; and a grandson, Jason Heffley.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, with Father Pius Ilechukwu officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with a vigil at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Calling will also be one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice, St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church or to the donor's choice.

THE NEWS SUN
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Mary Miller

ALBION — Mary Jane Miller, 86, of Albion and a longtime Wabash resident, died at 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007, at Bickford Cottage in Wabash.

Mrs. Miller had worked as a seamstress at Dick's Men's Wear, a men's clothing store she co-owned with her husband. She also had worked at Scott's 5&10, America Rock Wool, Dawalt Pharmacy and for Dr. Harry Grossnickle, all of Wabash.

Mrs. Miller

She was a 1938 graduate of Wabash High School.

Mrs. Miller was a member of St. Bernard Catholic Church, the Wabash Rosary Sodality and Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority. She was a longtime volunteer and board member for the American Red Cross. She also was a volunteer for the American Heart Association, Meals on Wheels, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a Brownie Scout leader. She had been a Gray Lady at Wabash County Hospital and a Pink Lady at Kosciusko County Hospital.

She was born Jan. 2, 1921, in Wabash to George L. Martin and Rosa (Brosnan) Martin. She married Richard L. Miller on Aug. 19, 1944, in Wabash. He preceded her in death. She and her husband spent many summers at Lake Tippecanoe in Kosciusko County.

Surviving are two daughters, Jane Ann and Donald Marteeny of Holly, Mich., and Mary Kathryn and Stanley Tipton of Albion; a brother, Robert and Mary Ella Martin of Albion; two sisters, Elizabeth Rose "Betsy" Weber of Mason, Mich., and Sister Maureen Martin of Mason, Mich.; six grandchildren, Dawn and Matt Fulton of Grand Blanc, Mich., Dana and Damon Sefa of Clarence Center, N.Y., Ben Tipton of Indianapolis, and Jay Tipton, Margaret Tipton and Colin Tipton, all of Albion; six great-grandchildren, Tristen, Ella Jane and Aidan Sefa, all of Clarence Center, N.Y., and Hayley, Ally Jane and Kate Fulton, all of Grand Blanc.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, John Martin and George "Bill" Martin, and two sisters, Sister Theresa Martin and Kathryn Rumpf.

Services will be at noon Friday at St. Bernard Catholic Church, corner of Cass and Sinclair streets, Wabash, with Father Sextus Don officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash.

Calling will be from 4-7:30 p.m. Thursday, with a Rosary service at 7:30 p.m., at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, Whitley Branch, 240 S. Jefferson St., Suite C, Huntington, IN 46750.

Condolences may be sent online to www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Mary Jewell

LAGRANGE — Mary Louise Jewell, 82, of Grand Haven, Mich., and former resident of Kendallville and Woodruff, died Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2007, in Grand Haven.

Mrs. Jewell had retired from Electric Cord Sets in Wolcottville. She and her husband, Art, operated Jewell's Sales and Service in Woodruff and also had a photography business where she painted photos.

Mrs. Jewell

She enjoyed traveling by motorcycle, gardening, flowers, crafting and spending time with her family.

She was born Nov. 26, 1924, in Bedford to Ralph and Martha (Bates) Hall. She married Arthur W. Jewell on July 11, 1942, in Kendallville, shortly before he left for service in the U.S. Army during World War II. He preceded her in death in 1978.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Belle and Michael Mullins of Wolcottville and Pam and Rex Highland of Hart, Mich.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Arthur Jewell and his companion, Sheila, of Holton, Mich., Jess and Emily Jewell of Grand Haven and Larry and Ann Jewell of Shelby, Mich.; 20 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Betty of Bedford.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Josh Mullins in 1991.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery near Wolcottville at a later date.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.frurипmayfuneralhome.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to include a photograph.*

Lois Mekus

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Lois G. (Fett) Baker Mekus, 77, of Defiance, Ohio, died Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007, at 6:20 a.m. in Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

Mrs. Mekus was a member of St. Mary Catholic church in Defiance. She was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars 3360 Auxiliary in Defiance and a member of AmVets 1991 Auxiliary, Jewell Legion Auxiliary, Defiance Eagles Auxiliary and Ladies of the Moose. She retired from Oren Elliott Co. in Edgerton, Ohio.

Mrs. Mekus

She was born Aug. 17, 1929, in Fort Wayne to Ammi and Alice (Moyer) Fett.

She married Richard Mekus in 1985, and he survives.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Elmer Baker. They married in 1953, and he died in 1959.

Also surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Deb and Denny Penland of Auburn, Brenda and Jess Myers of Auburn, Cheri and Dan Kaiser of Butler, Jodi and Marty Cocke of Defiance, Ohio, and Tina and Chris Schmidt of Cecil, Ohio; three sons, Stanley "Kirk" Baker and his companion, Sara Willitzer, of Montpelier, Ohio, Greg and Jeanine Michael of Phoenix, Ariz., and Steve Michael of Phoenix; a sister and her husband, Chloe Ann and Larry Parker of Tremont, Miss.; 19 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Chuck, Jim and Neil Fett, and one sister, Charlene Comber, and her parents.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Defiance, Ohio, with Father Tim Kummerer officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery in Defiance.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home, 1753 S. Clinton St., Defiance, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Defiance County Hospice or Masses.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 8, 2007, Wednesday

Harold Miller

GARRETT — Harold A. Miller, 77, of Garrett died Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2007, at 8:09 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller worked as an electrician at Auburn Gear for 35 years, retiring in 1994. He was in the Naval Reserves during the Korean War and had been an area resident since 1944.

He was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

He was born Dec. 23, 1929, in Goshen to Felty M. and Leona R. (Tague) Miller. They preceded him in death.

He was married to Betty Miller and later married Martha L. LaVerne on July 3, 1969. She preceded him in death in 1996.

He married Marjorie J. Iddings on Sept. 7, 1996, in Auburn. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are his first wife, Betty Miller of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Elmer Carnahan of Auburn, Sandra and Harold Jarnagin of Auburn and Judy and Fred Smith of Churubusco; a stepdaughter and her husband, Brenda and Ronnie Cooper of Butler; two stepsons, Michael Iddings of Turkey Lake, LaGrange, and Gary Iddings and his wife, Linda, of Pleasant Lake; a sister, Virginia Sutton of Edgerton; 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

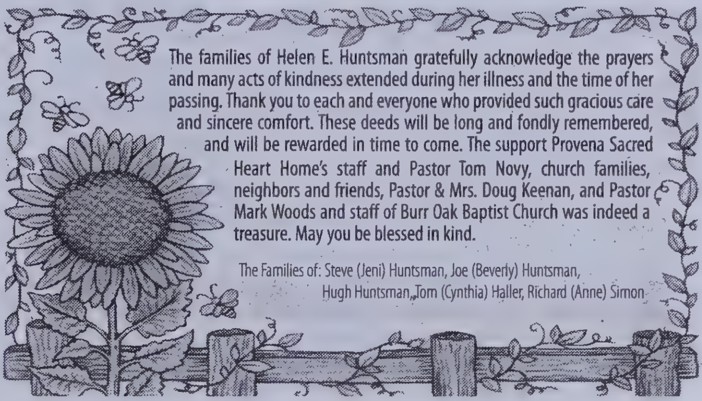
He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Miller.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Sam Weimer of the Independent Full Gospel Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Embrey Cemetery in rural Garrett, with military graveside services conducted by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Independent Full Gospel Church.

To sign an online register book or send condolences, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.



The families of Helen E. Huntsman gratefully acknowledge the prayers and many acts of kindness extended during her illness and the time of her passing. Thank you to each and everyone who provided such gracious care and sincere comfort. These deeds will be long and fondly remembered, and will be rewarded in time to come. The support Provena Sacred Heart Home's staff and Pastor Tom Novy, church families, neighbors and friends, Pastor & Mrs. Doug Keenan, and Pastor Mark Woods and staff of Burr Oak Baptist Church was indeed a treasure. May you be blessed in kind.

The Families of: Steve (Jeni) Huntsman, Joe (Beverly) Huntsman,
Hugh Huntsman, Tom (Cynthia) Haller, Richard (Anne) Simon

Helen Shaw

CHURUBUSCO — Helen H. Shaw, 64, of rural Churubusco in Noble County died at 11:50 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2007, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had been hospitalized for the past three weeks.

Among her survivors are her husband, John J. Shaw, and three daughters, JoLynn Shaw of Oak Ridge, N.C., JillAnn Shaw Strangio of Hopkinsville, Mass., and Julie Shaw Bowers of Churubusco.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

THE NEWS SUN
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August 8, 2007, Wednesday

Mary Wolfe

WATERLOO — Mary L. Wolfe, 80, died Monday, Aug. 6, 2007, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Wolfe had been a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church since 1955 and served on several committees, as well as being the church secretary for many years. She was an accomplished baker, sewer, gardener and homemaker.

She was born at home in Jefferson Township in Noble County on May 10, 1927, to A. Carl and Edna Mae (Addis) Wood. They preceded her in death in 1962 and 2003 respectively

Surviving are her husband, Bob, whom she married in November 1946; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John Wolfe of Fort Wayne and Jerry and Sue Wolfe of Hamilton; a daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Chuck Kristek of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Joshua A. Wolfe of Phoenix, Ariz.; five stepgrandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Martha Wood of Kimmell; a sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Howard Nedwed of Sun Valley, Calif.; a brother-in-law, Jack Study; and a sister-in-law, Hilda Wood.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Wood, and a sister, Bess Study.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Mike Harris will officiate. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Campus Life or A Different Drummer Learning Center.

Pieter Kollen

CARMEL — Pieter B. "Iceman" Kollen, 68, of Carmel, died Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007.

Mr. Kollen

He was an ice skating coach and was the creator of the K-Pick. He was an honorary member of the Professional Skaters Association and a member of the U.S. Figure Skating Association. He was National Pair Champion in 1962 and World Team Member.

Mr. Kollen was born May 27, 1939, in Ann Arbor, Mich., to the late John and Margie Barlow Kollen.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Robishaw Kollen; his children, Craig D. Kollen and his wife Renae and Christine M. Kollen; grandchildren Graham and Jacob Kollen; and brother Michael Kollen.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center, Carmel.

Memorial contributions may be made to U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund, 20 First St. Colorado Springs, CO 80906 or Steuben County Lakes Council, 207 S. Wayne St., Suite B, Angola, IN 46703.

Donald Aldrich

COLDWATER, Mich. — Donald Aldrich, 76, of Coldwater, Mich., died Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2007, at his home.

He was a self-employed stone mason and farmer.

Mr. Aldrich

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and being outdoors. He loved his children and grandchildren, his companion of 18 years, and his dog Susie, a Welsh terrier.

He was born April 22, 1931, in Climax, Mich., to Amos Gale and Nina Elizabeth (Parker) Aldrich, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by four daughters and sons-in-law, Renee and John Grove of Stamping Ground, Ky., Kayane and Bruce James of Chitina, Alaska, Jackie and Keith Harris of Coldwater, and Jeanie and Keith Deters of Angola; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; his companion, Barbara Hassett of Coldwater; two sisters, Joyce Cummings and Ruth Ann Butts of Arizona; and a brother, Gordon Aldrich, of Cheboygan, Mich.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery in Coldwater.

Calling will be Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to wildlife preservation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 8, 2007, Wednesday

Richard Goslee

PLEASANT LAKE — Richard "Rick" G. Goslee, 60, of Pleasant Lake, formerly of Poseyville, died Monday, Aug. 6, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Goslee worked for Amerigas, and was the former owner of G and R Lumber and Logging, Inc.

He was a Vietnam veteran, and served as a helicopter mechanic in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and being outdoors, and loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born Jan. 26, 1947, in Huntington, to Garl and Doris (Kellam) Goslee. They preceded him in death. He married Marlene Rickman on Dec. 3, 1977. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard and Dawn Goslee of Pleasant Lake, and Aaron and Jenny Goslee and Brian Goslee, all of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Gretchen and John Weicht of Angola; a sister and brother-in-law, Jackie and Mark Sunderman of Huntington; and six grandchildren, Kayla and Alexis Goslee, Payton Goslee, Joey and Holly Weicht, and Makenna Goslee.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Charles Griffith II

ASHLEY — Charles S. Griffith II, 54, of Ashley died Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2007, at the home of his sister in Butler.

Mr. Griffith served in the U.S. Air Force and was a self-employed carpenter. He was a member of the Hamilton Fish & Game Club.

He enjoyed spending time with his beloved dog, Jesse.

He was born Sept. 18, 1952, in Fort Wayne to Charles S. and Doris "Mickey" (Miller) Griffith. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sisters, Rebecca Damron of Butler and Debra Johnson of Kingsford, Mich.; a brother, Marc A. Griffith of Ashley; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Rochelle Quimby.

A memorial gathering for family and friends will be Saturday from 1-5 p.m. at the home of Rebecca Damron, 420 N. Pearl St., Butler.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is handling arrangements.

Benjamin Vannatta

FORT WAYNE — Benjamin K. Vannatta, 91, died Monday, Aug. 6, 2007, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Vannetta he was employed with ITT Aerospace Division for 37 years, retiring in 1972 as the Chief Industrial Engineer.

He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, past member of Trinity United Methodist Church and a member of Ret's Vets. He was a former Little League Coach at Hamilton Park and former coach of Trinity United Methodist Church basketball team that won the State Championship in 1941. He was born in Allen County.

He was an avid fisherman and exceptional shuffleboard player.

He is survived by his wife, Betty (Waters) Vannatta of Fort Wayne; son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Ginny Vannatta of Fort Wayne; grandsons and spouses Brett and Cori Vannatta of Lebanon, Ohio, and Chad and Anita Vannatta of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter and spouse, Lisa and Gabe Sava of Carrollton, Va.; great-grandsons, Riley Vannatta of Lebanon, Benny Vannatta of Fort Wayne and Caleb Sava of Carrollton; and great-granddaughters, Abby Vannatta of Fort Wayne and Lexi Sava of Carrollton.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Janet Vannatta, and sister, Viola Vannatta.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Calling is 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to the great-grandchildren's education fund or Heartland Hospice.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 8, 2007, Wednesday

Florence Janice Carmichael, 70

KENDALLVILLE - Florence Janice Carmichael, age 70, of Kendallville, passed away on Wednesday, August 1, 2007 at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mrs. Carmichael was born in Three Oaks, Michigan on March 9, 1937 to John E. and Elizabeth B. (Duddleson) Gearhart.

She married Norman Ross Carmichael on January 9, 1954 in Crownpoint, Indiana.

She was a certified nursing assistant for eight years at the Lutheran Home in Kendallville and twelve years at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center. She retired in 2000.

Florence loved to go to garage sales, spending time with her family and grandchildren, and she enjoyed her dog, Snuggles. She also loved lilacs, cooking, taking care of other people and collecting teddy bears.

Survivors include: her husband of 53 years, Norman Carmichael of Kendallville; two sons, John Bryan and Deanna Carmichael of Avilla, Scott Carmichael of Kendallville; four grandchildren; Nichole and her husband, Tavis Hertel of Fort Wayne, Katie Carmichael of Waterloo, Cody Carmichael of Kendallville, and Chris Carmichael of Kendallville; two step grandsons; Ben and Derek Tuffley of Kendallville and Kyle and his wife, Carolyn Tuffley of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Lloyd and Laura Gearhart of Three Oaks, Michigan, and George Gearhart of Rolling Prairie, Indiana; four sisters, Louise and Cecil Ahmsteadt of Loveland, Colorado, Sharon and Jim Feirick of Humbolt, Tennessee, Nancy and Larry Darling of Rolling Prairie, Marlene and George Nelson of Statesville, North Carolina, and Mary Lou and George Bladecki Rolling Prairie.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Phyllis Kothe and Ellen Pearson; and a step grandson, Travis Tuffley in 1992.

Funeral Services were at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Preferred Memorials may be made to her family in care of Hite Funeral Home.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Ruth Etta Brown, 91

ALBION — Ruth Etta Brown, 91, of Albion died at 1:45 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, 2007, in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville where she had been a patient since Monday.

She worked on the assembly line making windings for motors at Flint & Walling in Kendallville before retiring in 1979 after 28 years of service.

She grew up in Sparta Township, then lived on the farm in Jefferson Township for 22 years before moving to Albion for two years. She then moved back to Jefferson Township for 20 years, and then to Laverna Terrace in Avilla in 1986 for 19 years.

Her family and her garden were the loves of her life.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

In Sparta Township, Noble County, she was born to Charles Wesley and Etta Maude (Newberry) Johnson on March 16, 1916. She married Arby Don Brown on June 26, 1935, in Goshen. He preceded her in death on Nov. 4, 1984.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald G. and Janet Brown of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Roger Stoneburner of Albion; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband and parents, two sons, Ronald Brown in 1958, and Johnny Brown in 1942, and 12 brothers and sisters preceded her death.

Services were at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Brett Frymier officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, is in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 8, 2007, Wednesday

Pauline M. Caldwell, 92

KENDALVILLE - Pauline M. Caldwell, age 92, of Kendallville, passed away on Monday, July 30, 2007 at home.

Mrs. Caldwell was born in Noble County on May 12, 1915 to Oscar B. and Golda B. (Newman) Caldwell.

She worked at Trenton Garment Company in Kendallville in the past.

Survivors include: a sister, Maxine Field of Laguna Niguel, California; three nephews, Greg Field of San Diego, California, Jon and Beth Field of Laguna Niguel, California and Dewey and Twylia Kline of Kendallville; two nieces, Deborah and Tim Tunila of Lake Forest, California and Susan and Terry Apitz of Tustin, California; 12 great nephews and nieces including; Todd Kline of Kendallville, Mike Ebert of Avilla, and Tiffaney Glessner of Fishers, Indiana; best friend, Bonnie Curie of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Gerald, Dale, Willard, and Robert Caldwell; sister, Winifred Kline; and great nephew, Ryan Kline in 2006.

No Visitation

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Dr. Dan Barker.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Thomas H. Geiger, 85

COLUMBIA CITY – Thomas H. (Tom) Geiger, 85, a former resident of Churubusco and Fort Wayne died Thursday, August 2, 2007 in the Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Center in Columbia City where he had been a patient since May of this year. He was living at Barton Lake in Fremont, Indiana prior to entering the nursing facility. Tom retired in 1982 from Parrish Trucking Co. as a truck driver and had served with the U.S. Army during WWII. He was an avid motorcycle rider.

Tom was born March 21, 1922 in Whitley County, Green Twp. a son of the late Herschel and Leona (Eberly) Geiger.

Survivors include his children Sandra (Armando) Alaniz of Milford, Indiana, Karen Wilson and Randy Geiger both of Columbia City, Indiana; two step-sons, Dale (Susan) Kuglin of Lexington, Ohio, Dennis (Lucy) Kuglin of Dyer, Indiana, a brother Franklin (Lenora Ellen) Geiger of Churubusco, Indiana and 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his second wife Bernadette (Diehm) Geiger and three brothers, Everett Geiger, Bill Geiger, and Earl Geiger.

Funeral services were at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home. Burial was in the Eel River Cemetery South of Churubusco. For those who wish memorials may be directed to the Muscular Dystrophy Association or the Veterans Memorial on O'Day Road.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Lewis Fritz, 74

FORT WAYNE — Lewis L. "Sonny" Fritz, 74, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Aug. 6, 2007, at his home surrounded by his family.

Mr. Fritz was a native of Hardin, Mont.

Mr. Fritz was a gas serviceman with NIPSCO for 40 years, retiring in 1992.

He was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church and American Legion Post 82.

Mr. Fritz was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, being at the lake and traveling out West.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy A. Fritz of Fort Wayne; his children, Linda and Tom Osborn of Winchester, Jerome Fritz of LaGrange, Karen and Scott Frederickson of Fort Wayne, and Jason and Lisa Fritz of Noblesville; grandchildren, Megan, Matthew, Rachael Osborn, Allison, Lizabeth, Victoria, Wendy and Charlie Fritz, Mitchell and Brooks Frederickson, CJ and Maggie Fritz; a great-granddaughter, Karyn Fritz; a sister, Charlyene and Roy Hall of South Milford; a niece, Royetta and Steve Wilder of Auburn; nephews, Rusty and April Hall of South Milford and Rod and Marie Hall of Albion; and a great-niece, Melissa Shepherd of South Milford.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Gordon Samra officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park with military graveside honors by American Legion Post 82.

Calling will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the South Milford United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 176, South Mildford. IN 46786.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 8, 2007, Wednesday

Richard T. Tierney, 78

COLUMBIA CITY – Richard T. Tierney, 78, a former resident of Wappes Road, rural Churubusco, in Allen County, and also of Churubusco, died early Thursday morning, Aug. 2, 2007, at The Oaks Care Center in Columbia City where he had been a resident for three months.

Born in Fort Wayne on Sept. 30, 1928, a son of the late Edward J. and Lucinda M. (Lobsiger) Tierney, he had lived most of his life in the Allen County area and graduated from Central High School in Fort Wayne.

He was united in marriage to Jane L. Bragg on April 29, 1950 in Fort Wayne. She died Jan. 30, 1988.

A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, he served during World War II.

He retired in 1984 after 40 years of service to Tokheim Corp. in Fort Wayne.

He was member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege and its Holy Name Society, the Garrett K of C 1790 and the Tokheim Veterans Club.

Survivors include his children, Thomas (Linda) Tierney of Bloomington; Michael (Roberta) Tierney of Churubusco, Teresa (Larry) Slone of Pierceton and Kathy (Dan) Clark of Spencerville; two sisters, Carolyn Richardson and Patsy (Melvin) Hendricks, both of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Edward, and a sister, Wanda.

The funeral service were at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Father Danny Pinto officiating. Burial was at the Ege Catholic Cemetery in Noble County.

For those who wish, masses may be directed to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 8, 2007, Wednesday

Mary Jane Miller, 86

WABASH – Mary Jane Miller, 86 of Albion, IN and a longtime Wabash resident, died Sunday, August 5, 2007 at Bickford Cottage in Wabash. She and her husband spent many summers at Lake Tippecanoe in Kosciusko County.

She was born January 2, 1921 in Wabash Indiana to George L. Martin and Rosa (Brosnan) Martin. She married the late Richard L. Miller on August 19, 1944 in Wabash, Indiana.

Mrs. Miller was a member of St. Bernard Catholic Church, the Wabash Rosary Sodality, and the Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority. She was a longtime volunteer and board member for the American Red Cross. She also was a volunteer for the American Heart Association, Meals on Wheels, Veterans of Foreign Wars and a Brownie Scout leader. She had been a Gray Lady at Wabash County Hospital and a Pink Lady at Kosciusko County Hospital. Mary Jane had worked as a seamstress at Dick's Men's Wear, a men's clothing store she co-owned with her husband. She also had worked at Scotts 5 & 10, America Rock Wool, Dawalt Pharmacy and for Dr. Harry Grossnickle, all of Wabash. She was a 1938 graduate of Wabash High School.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Jane Ann (Donald) Marteeny of Holly, MI, Mary Kathryn (Stanley) Tipton of Albion, IN; Brother, Robert (Mary Ella) Martin of Albion, IN; 2 sisters, Elizabeth Rose "Betsy" Weber of Mason, MI, Sister Maureen Martin of Mason, MI; 6 grandchildren, Dawn (Matt) Fulton of Grand Blanc, MI, Dana (Damon) Sefa of Clarence Center, NY, Ben Tipton of Indianapolis, IN, Jay Tipton, Margaret Tipton and Colin Tipton, all of Albion, IN; 6 great-grandchildren, Tristen, Ella Jane, and Aidan Sefa, all of Clarence Center, NY and Hayley, Ally Jane and Kate Fulton all of Grand Blanc, MI.

She was preceded in death by 2 brothers; John Martin and George "Bill" Martin along with 2 sisters; Kathryn Rumpf and Sister Floretta (Theresa) Martin.

Funeral services will be held at St. Bernard Catholic Church corner of Cass and Sinclair Streets, Wabash, on Friday, August 10, 2007 at 12:00 noon with Fr. Sextus Don officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash.

Visitation will be 5-7:30 PM, with a Rosary service at 7:30 PM Thursday, August 9, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Parkview Hospice, Whitley Branch, 240 S. Jefferson Street, Suite C, Huntington, IN 46750.

The memorial guest book for Mary Jane may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 9, 2007, Thursday

Pauline Blair

BUTLER — Pauline Blair, 96, of Butler died Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2007, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Blair

Mrs. Blair graduated from Wolcottville High School and attended beauty school. She worked as a beautician and a nursing home assistant, and also worked at Marshall Clothing in Butler and Sarabell's Dress Shop. She loved her pets.

She was born June 25, 1911, in LaGrange County to Edward and Florence (Smith) Sears.

She married Bruce E. Blair on Nov. 24, 1932, in Newville. He died Oct. 16, 1995.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Freda Blair of Angola and Alan and Vickie Blair of Sumpter, S.C.; a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Raymond Collet of Ligonier; eight grandsons and their wives, Ed and Sherri Blair of Marion, Va., Stan Collet of Ligonier, Steve and Sandra Collet of Beebe, Ark., Bruce and Teresa Collet of Arlington, Va., Stuart Collet of Huntington, David and Judy Blair of Rapid City, S.D., Daren and Julie Blair of Butler, and Rodney and Trish Blair of Butler; four granddaughters and their husbands, Jenny and David Lovelace of Grand Rapids, Mich., Debra Bates of Butler, Julie and Rick Richmond of Hamilton, and Courtney McDuffy of Sumpter, S.C.; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Floyd Sears; and a grandson, Kevin Edelen.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Robert Blackburn

BUTLER — A memorial service for Robert E. Blackburn, 77, of Butler will be Saturday at 4 pm. in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Mr. Blackburn died Saturday, June 30, 2007, at his home in Butler.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Butler is handling arrangements.

Emma Baltzell

AUBURN — Emma L. Baltzell, 84, died Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2007, in Lockport, N.Y.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Richard Goslee

PLEASANT LAKE — Richard "Rick" G. Goslee, 60, of Pleasant Lake, formerly of Poseyville, died Monday, Aug. 6, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Goslee

Mr. Goslee worked for Amerigas, and was the former owner of G and R Lumber and Logging Inc.

He was a Vietnam veteran, and served as a helicopter mechanic in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and being outdoors, and loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born Jan. 26, 1947, in Huntington to Garl and Doris (Kellam) Goslee. They preceded him in death. He married Marlene Rickman on Dec. 3, 1977. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard and Dawn Goslee of Pleasant Lake, and Aaron and Jenny Goslee and Brian Goslee, all of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Gretchen and John Weicht of Angola; a sister and brother-in-law, Jackie and Mark Sunderman of Huntington; and six grandchildren, Kayla and Alexis Goslee, Payton Goslee, Joey and Holly Weicht, and Makenna Goslee.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Helen Shaw

CHURUBUSCO — Helen H. Shaw, 64, of rural Churubusco died at 11:50 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2007, at the Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been hospitalized the past three weeks.

Mrs. Shaw had been employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne for nearly 30 years, retiring from there as an expediter in 1997.

She had previously lived in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Fort Wayne before moving to the Churubusco area in 1976.

She was born April 15, 1943, in Spanish Fort, Utah, to Max and Martha (Lucas) Hodson. Her father was killed during World War II and she was raised by her mother and stepfather, Eugene Russell. She married John J. Shaw on Sept. 28, 1963, in Salt Lake City. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, JoLynn Shaw of Oak Ridge, N.C., JillAnn Shaw Strangio of Hopkinton, Mass., and Julie Shaw Bowers of Churubusco; three sisters, Doris Curtis of Sparks, Nev., Judy and Frank Gunderson of Kamas, Wash., and Kaye Denkers of Sparks, Nev.; a brother, Frank Russell of St. Clair Shores, Mich.; and three grandchildren, Tyler Brown, Trenton Bowers and Jason Strangio.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Rick Van Horn officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Steven Zawadzke

KENDALLVILLE — Steven J. Zawadzke, 57, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Aug., 8, 2007, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Ora Nisley

GOSHEN — Ora J. Nisley, 80, of Goshen died at 7:18 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2007, at Courtyard of Goshen in Goshen.

Mr. Nisley was a blacksmith and operated a buggy repair shop.

He was a deacon in the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Aug. 17, 1926, in Goshen to Jacob and Katie (Chupp) Nisley. He married Ada Graber on March 23, 1948, in Shipshewana. She survives.

Also surviving are eight sons, Mervin and Linda Nisley of Bristol, Larry and Jennifer Nisley of Evansville, LaVern and Kathy Nisley, Elroy and LorEtta Nisley and Marion and Ruby Mae Nisley, all of Goshen, Ora Jr. and Irene Nisley of Topeka, Marlin and Elma Sue Nisley of Millersburg and Vernon and Katie Nisley of Ligonier; three daughters, Elsie and Sam Bontrager of Hillsboro, Wis., LeAnna and Samuel Bontrager of Topeka and Miriam and LaVerne Bontrager of Shipshewana; 72 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, William and Dorothy Nisley of LaGrange and Melvin and Ella Nisley of Goshen.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Clara Yoder; a brother, Leo Nisley; and two stillborn grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the family residence with Bishop Ernest Schrock and Home Ministers officiating. Burial will be in Clinton Brick Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Friday at the family residence.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
August 9, 2007, Thursday

Mary Wolfe

WATERLOO — Mary L. Wolfe, 80, died Monday, Aug. 6, 2007, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Wolfe had been a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church since 1955 and served on several committees, as well as being the church secretary for many years. She was an accomplished baker, sewer, gardener and homemaker.

She was born at home in Jefferson Township in Noble County on May 10, 1927, to A. Carl and Edna Mae (Addis) Wood. They preceded her in death in 1962 and 2003 respectively

Surviving are her husband, Bob, whom she married in November 1946; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John Wolfe of Fort Wayne and Jerry and Sue Wolfe of Hamilton; a daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Chuck Kristek of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Joshua A. Wolfe of Phoenix, Ariz.; five stepgrandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Martha Wood of Kimmell; a sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Howard Nedwed of Sun Valley, Calif.; a brother-in-law, Jack Study; and a sister-in-law, Hilda Wood.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Wood. and a sister, Bess Study.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Mike Harris will officiate. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

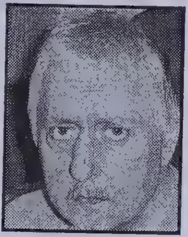
Calling will be today, Thursday, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Campus Life or A Different Drummer Learning Center.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 10, 2007, Friday

Steven Zawadzke

KENDALLVILLE — Steven J. Zawadzke, 57, of Kendallville died at 4:17 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2007, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Zawadzke

Mr. Zawadzke had been in ill health since April 2006.

He had worked 32 years at Lyall Electric, Group Dekko and International Wire and one year at Colwell.

Mr. Zawadzke was a lifetime area resident and 1969 graduate of East Noble High School.

He was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

He had served in the Indiana National Guard from 1970 to 1976 and was a staff sergeant in the mortar platoon of Combat Support Co. 1/293 Infantry.

Mr. Zawadzke enjoyed traveling especially to Michigan, watching the History Channel and was a Civil War and World War I and World War II buff.

He was born Oct. 2, 1949, in Kendallville to John and Luella (Baker) Zawadzke. He married Monique McDonald on Sept. 18, 1987, in Kendallville. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Suzanne Zawadzke of Wolf Lake; three grandchildren, Alexia, Kyle and Maya; two nieces, Anne Noel of New York City and Cheryl "Ootsie" Noel of Atlanta; and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Kenneth and Jane Freiburger of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Andrew in 2000; and a sister, Sharon in 1997.

At Mr. Zawadzke's request, there will be no services.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814 and Parkview Home Health.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Donald Gross

CHURUBUSCO — Donald E. Gross, 74, of Blue Lake near Churubusco died Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne following a sudden illness.

Mr. Gross

A native of Churubusco, he was a 1951 graduate of Churubusco High School.

He had been associated with Gross Drainage since 1952, eventually owning the company.

Mr. Gross was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church, Churubusco Masonic Lodge 515 F.&A.M., Fort Wayne Mizpah Temple, Whitley County Shrine Club, Mizpah Motorcycle Club, Scottish Rite Fort Wayne Valley, Whitley County 4-H Museum and Learning Center and the Antique Power Club. He was a 32-year member of the LICA and served as its president in 1980.

He was born Aug. 25, 1932, in Churubusco to Guy E. and Mary Lois (McGuire) Gross. He married Marilyn Nicodemus on Sept. 20, 1953, in Columbia City. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Teresa and Greg Salesman, Todd and Deb Gross and Tracie L. Gross, all of Churubusco, and Tamara and Tom Miller of Fremont; a brother, Lynn and Jo Ellen Gross of Churubusco; three sisters, Louise and Donald Barnhart of Fort Wayne and Mary Ann and Leonard Hazen and Connie Teghtmeyer, all of Churubusco; and grandchildren, Amanda Salesman, Allyson Salesman, Brooke and Brad Bastin, Wade Boggs, Jana Miller, Mary Miller, Levi Gross and Whitley Gross.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert Gross.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with Pastor Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with a Masonic service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church or the Whitley County 4-H Museum and Learning Center.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 10, 2007, Friday

Ruth Duchow

GARRETT — Ruth A. Duchow, 92, formerly of Garrett, died Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007, at 8:40 a.m. at Betz Nursing Home of Auburn, where she had lived since March 1997.

Mrs. Duchow

Miss Duchow worked as a cashier at the Auburn-Garrett Drive-In Theater for 10 years. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

She was born July 11, 1915, in Garrett to Reinhold W. and Marie (Bartels) Duchow.

Surviving are four nephews and their wives, Melvin and Dorothy Diederich of Garrett, Ronald and Marian Murphy of Rochester, Mich., Melvin and Norma Anderson and Kenneth and Shirley Anderson, all of Crown Point; and four nieces, Velma Thiel and Eleanor Csmerska, both of Griffth, Carol Minich of Crown Point and Betty Hull of Porter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters, Martha Diederich, Hulda Crabill, Elizabeth Anderson and Esther Murphy; and three brothers, Paul, Henry and Carl Duchow.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Garrett with the Rev. Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 3-6 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Garrett.

To send condolences or sign an online register book, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 11, 2007, Saturday

Mahlon Hershberger

LAGRANGE — Mahlon N. Hershberger, 79, of LaGrange, died at 9:10 a.m. Friday, August 10, 2007 at his residence.

Mr. Hershberger, a member of the Old Order Amish Church, was a farmer and ran a pallet shop at his residence.

He was born Sept. 8, 1927 in LaGrange County to Noah J. and Mary (Whetstone) Hershberger. He married Edna Miller on Feb. 16, 1950 in LaGrange County. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Suanna Kay and Richard Miller of Shipshewana; three sons and daughters-in-law, Perry Lee and Amanda Hershberger of Mio, Mich., Olen Jay and Carolyn Hershberger of LaGrange, and Mervin M. and Ida Mae Hershberger of Shipshewana; three sisters, Katie Miler of Nappanee, Polly and Aaron Beechy of Topeka and Ella and Enos Knepp of LaGrange; a sister-in-law, Mary Hershberger of Shipshewana; and 20 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, two brothers and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the family residence, 3890 S. C.R. 300W in LaGrange, with Bishop Ervin Bontrager Jr. and Home Ministers officiating. Burial will be at Miller Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the family residence.

Pallbearers will be Raymond Miller, Mel Fry, Maynard Lehman and Gerald Lehman.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Helene Roman

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Helene "Windy" Roman, 91, of Palm Harbor, Fla., died Thursday, Aug. 2, 2007.

Roman

Mrs. Roman worked at J.C. Penney in Kendallville for over 37 years. Many people remember her positive attitude and friendly smile.

She was a charter member of the Women of the Moose, a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and member of the Delta Theta Tau Sorority.

Services will be Sept. 15 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. A grave site mass and internment will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Surviving are a sister, Mari Ferlini of Hartford, Conn.; eight nieces and nephews; and many great and great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death 12 years ago by her husband, John C. Roman, who was a long-time Ford dealer; a brother John Micu of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Anna Brosh of Porterville, Calif.

The family will accept donations made to the church of one's choice or favorite charity in honor of Mrs. Roman.

Dale Bunge

ANGOLA — Dale W. Bunge, 81, died Thursday Aug. 9, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bunge

He was born Feb. 12, 1926, in Waterloo to Jay J. and Oma A. (Ashleman) Bunge.

Surviving are a brother, Don Bunge of Bremen; two sisters, Beverly Heffley of Auburn and Carol Glant of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Alice Gay Eulitt and Eloise Eberhard.

Services will be Monday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 1-3 p.m. at the Funeral Home.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 11, 2007, Saturday

Daniel Troyer

LAGRANGE — Daniel J. Troyer, 48, of LaGrange died 2:45 a.m. Friday, Aug. 10, 2007 at his residence from cancer.

Mr. Troyer, a member of the Old Order Amish Church, was a farmer.

He was born May 17, 1959 in LaGrange to Joe E. Troyer and the late Mattie W. (Yoder) Troyer. He married LeAnna Lambright on Sept. 10, 1981 in Topeka. She survives.

Also surviving are his father, five daughters and one son-in-law, Carrie and Richard Miller of Middlebury and Maria, Sue Ann, Hannah and Heidi Troyer, all of LaGrange; seven sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Ruth Anna, Jessie and Laura Troyer, Perry Troyer and special friend Ida Bontrager, Floyd Troyer, Christy Troyer, Otis Troyer and Daniel Troyer, all of LaGrange; three grandchildren, Marinda Jane Miller and Joel Devon Miller, both of Middlebury and Mary Jane Troyer of LaGrange; five sisters and brothers-in-law, Lydia and Ervin Bontrager of LaGrange and Mary and Ora Bontrager and Amanda and Perry Yoder, all of Hillsboro, Wis., and Edna and Ervin Bontrager and Ella and Ammon Bontrager, all of LaGrange; seven brothers and sisters-in-law, Perry and Lizzie Mae Troyer of LaGrange, John and Katie Troyer of Angola, Abe and Wilma Jean Troyer of Dalton, Wis., Elsie Troyer of Kingston, Wis. and Jacob and Ella Mae Troyer, Floyd and Marietta Troyer and Mary Troyer, all of LaGrange.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Monroe Bontrager home at 2585 S. C.R. 200E in LaGrange, with Bishop Levi Raber and Home Ministers officiating. Burial will take place at Oak Hill Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the family residence.

Pallbearers will be Monroe Bontrager, Joe Bontrager, Milo Yoder and Steve Miller.

Mark Goss

INDIANAPOLIS — Mark E. Goss, 59, died Aug. 6, 2007, at his residence in Indianapolis.

He was born on July 28, 1948, to Jack and Roxena (Wagner) Goss.

Surviving are two sons, Christian Goss of Los Angeles, Calif., and Jack Goss of Auburn; a daughter, Alyssa Stackhouse of Kendallville; and a brother, Tom Goss of Columbia City.

A private memorial service will take place at a later date.

There will be no calling.

Mary Ann Taylor

MATLACHA, Fla. — Mary Ann Taylor, 64, of Matlacha, Fla., died at 10:18 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2007, at Cape Coral Hospital in Cape Coral, Fla. of septic shock.

A former resident of Orland, Mrs. Taylor was a homemaker and worked on the family owned farm, Taylor Farm, in Orland. She was also secretary and treasurer for Taylor Trucking, Inc.

After selling the farm in 1986, she moved to Gainesville, Fla., where she and her husband purchased a small beer and wine business. While living in Gainesville, she taught the American Guild at the University of Florida.

A few years later, the business was sold and they moved to south Florida. There she taught sewing and quilting classes at Lee County Art and Recreation Building in Matlacha.

During the last years, she and her husband sold her unique and creative dolls and pillow quilts in several craft shows throughout Florida.

Surviving are her husband, Richard A. Taylor Sr.; a son, Richard A. Taylor Jr. of Matlacha, Fla.; two daughters, Caresse A. Bullock of Waldorf, Md. and Christy A. Moultrie of Gainesville, Ga.; and six grandchildren.

No services or calling have been determined at this time.

Memorials are to the American Arthritis Foundation in memory of Mrs. Taylor in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home.

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Steven Zawadzke

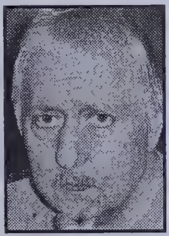
KENDALLVILLE — Steven J. Zawadzke, 57, of Kendallville died at 4:17 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2007, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Zawadzke had been in ill health since April 2006.

He had worked 32 years through Lyall Electric, Group Dekko and International Wire and one year at Colwell.

Mr. Zawadzke was a lifetime area resident and 1969 graduate of East Noble High School.

He was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.


Zawadzke

He had served in the Indiana National Guard from 1970 to 1976 and was a staff sergeant in the mortar platoon of Combat Support Co. 1/293 Infantry.

Mr. Zawadzke enjoyed traveling especially to Michigan, watching the History Channel and was a Civil War and World War I and World War II buff.

He was born Oct. 2, 1949, in Kendallville to John and Luella (Baker) Zawadzke. He married Monique McDonald on Sept. 18, 1987, in Kendallville. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Suzanne Zawadzke of Wolf Lake; three grandchildren, Alexia, Kyle and Maya; two nieces, Anne Noel of New York City and Cheryl "Ootsie" Noel of Atlanta; and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Kenneth and Jane Freiburger of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Sarah in 1979; a son, Andrew in 2000; and a sister, Sharon in 1997.

At Mr. Zawadzke's request, there will be no services.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814 and Parkview Home Health.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Emma Baltzell

AUBURN — Emma L. Baltzell, 84, of Auburn died Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2007, in Lockport, N.Y.

Mrs. Baltzell was a homemaker and a member of the Red Hat Society.

She was born May 16, 1923, in Bedford to Elmer and Daisy (Smith) Jordan.

Mrs. Baltzell

She married Robert J. Baltzell on July 1, 1950, in Angola. He died March 24, 1998.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Jo Mary Scott of Lockport, N.Y.; a daughter, Judy Orr of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and their spouses, Shannon and Steven Abbott of Lockport, Kiley Scott of Albany, N.Y., Dennise Orr of New Haven, and Jeremy and Jamie Orr of Bourbonnais, Ill.; and a sister, Ruth Warden of New Haven.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Lois Luttrell.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Calvary Chapel of Auburn. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery at Newville.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville.

Memorials are to the Foundation Fighting Blindness, P.O. Box 17279, Baltimore, MD 21203-7279, or the American Lung Association, 3454 Stellhorn Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

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She loved to make people smile

Ruth Meyers designed Steuben County seal

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ANGOLA — Ruth E. Meyers was a woman who truly loved to see people smile.

Though she was involved in many things and did much during her 78 years, her family describes her passion for painting and poetry as well as her will to go the extra mile to see people smile and laugh.

"To know her was to love her," said Bill Meyers, Ruth's husband.

Ruth's accomplishments were many. In 1990, she designed the Steuben County seal. Each part of the seal has a reason and explanation behind it. After designing it, she went on trips with friends just to see the seal on the floor.

In 1980 and 1981, she won the women's pole throwing contest in Centennial, Wyo., for its Logging Days, without ever having thrown before. She would practice while home in Indiana after her first win, and the response would be humorous.

"Indiana people would say, 'What's she doing in the yard throwing that tree around?'" said Bill.

Ruth also received the distinguished service medal from Angola Commandery No. 45, Knights Templar. Though it is a men's organization, she did many things for them and they rewarded her for it.

She was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority for 52 years. Whenever she was able, Bill said, she loved to have sorority members at her house for an English tea she would prepare. With the sorority she also enjoyed working on "fantasy baskets" filled with stuffed animals, baked goods and other assorted items for children.

Ruth was also a member of the Party Line Club, Alpha Farmers Club and Ladies Auxiliary at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital for many years.

Over summers, the Meyerses would travel to Centennial, where they had built a cabin. There they attended the Centennial Valley Community Church. The church originally met in an old schoolhouse, but the Meyerses helped build the new church building with log siding.

Their devotion to the Centennial Valley Community Church stayed with them over the years. For their 50th anniversary, the Meyerses bought a pulpit to be used at the church.

After the church was built, members planned to use the spare pieces of logs from the siding as firewood. Ruth found a use for it by painting the spare pieces and giving them to the ladies of the church to decorate with so everyone could have a piece of the church.

She loved painting, and Bill said she could have made some good money with it. However, Ruth wanted to make art that everyone could afford to own and enjoy as their own.

Some of her paintings were sold to Pokagon State Park, Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon and a county park from New Jersey that admired her work. She painted not only on wood, but also on leather bookmarks and tin cans she flattened in a special way.

"You wouldn't believe it was a tin can until you turned it over to hang it," said Bill.

Her love for making people happy carried beyond her art. Ruth made sure to put a smile on people's faces whenever she could.

On Christmas, Ruth and her husband would take turns playing Santa Claus. One would dress in a Santa suit then knock on the doors of friends and neighbors, bringing apples, popcorn balls and candy canes for the children.

Ruth enjoyed baking wedding cakes, and would always give the newlyweds a picnic basket full of treats. One time, she removed the labels from all the canned food she put in a basket and the newlyweds had to shake the cans to try to determine what was in them. The couple had a sweet treat one morning.

"Did you ever get ready to eat a hearty breakfast only to open a can of Hershey's syrup as the main course?" asked Bill, as he recalled the event with a smile.

Ruth once baked cupcakes for a group, only to put pearl onions inside some of the cupcakes.

"It was always in fun," said Bill. "She never tried to hurt anyone."

The Meyerses' daughter, Cheryl Vanderwood, remembered a special April Fool's Day when she was in the fourth grade. Vanderwood's birthday was in August, and she never got to have a school birthday party. That day, Ruth changed things for her daughter.

"Into the classroom comes my mother, loaded with cupcakes, Kool-Aid and everything needed for a birthday party," she said. "What a great surprise."

Those surprises continued into her teen years when she began dating. When Vanderwood brought home a boyfriend to meet the parents, Ruth would offer him a sandwich. She said with three girls in the house, they quickly learned if they wanted to keep a boyfriend, they were not to let their mother make him a sandwich under any circumstances.

"She would start with two slices of bread, then hit the refrigerator. That sandwich could have cheese, lunch meat, a slice of pie, cottage cheese, jam or jelly, left over whatever from previous meals — you get the idea," Vanderwood said. "And that was the last we ever saw of that particular young man."

In the wake of her passing, Ruth's family and friends have remembered fondly her love and kindness. Daughter Debra Meyers of Saginaw, Mich., said only 27 hours after her passing a friend had e-mailed his condolences from Iraq.

"She loved people. She loved life," said Bill. "It was 58 of the best years of my life."

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Mary Lou Wisler

SPENCERVILLE — Mary Lou Wisler, 65, of rural Spencerville died Saturday morning, Aug. 11, 2007, at her home.

She received her Bachelor of Education degree from Manchester College and owned and operated the Shades of Country Antique Store in Leo.

Mrs. Wisler

She was born Sept. 6, 1941, in Fort Wayne to Ezra David and Ethel Pearl Klopfenstein, who are both deceased.

She married Neal Hamilton Wisler on July 26, 1963. in Fort Wayne. He survives in Spencerville.

Also surviving are two daughters, Julie Anne Starkey and Susan Lee Schowe, both of Auburn; a son, Basil David Glenn Wisler of Grabill; and three granddaughters, Cecilia Anne Schowe, Madeline Sue Schowe and Olivia Mae Schowe.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Grabill Missionary Church in Grabill with Pastor Ray Harrison officiating. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County, 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville is handling funeral arrangements.

Marion "Nihl" Ryan

LAGRANGE — Marion N. "Nihl" Ryan, 68, of LaGrange died Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Ryan worked as a manager for Kroger and was a self-employed mobile home repairman. He belonged to the Sturgis Moose Lodge and was a life member of the Eagles.

He was born Dec. 2, 1938, in LaGrange to Willard and Elma (Sindel) Ryan, who are both deceased.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Nihl and Jackie Jonker of White Pigeon, Mich., Benjamin J. Jonker of Elkhart, Tom Jonker of Leesburg, Fla. and Michael and Heather Ryan of LaGrange; two brothers, John Ryan of Kennard and Dennis Ryan of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Sherry Raney and Margaret, both of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Clancey M. Ryan, on Nov. 2, 2003; a grandson, Benji Jonker on Nov. 2, 2005; and three half-brothers, Mervil Ryan, Robert Ryan and Dale Snyder.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange. Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be Monday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Mildred Brown

AUBURN — Mildred Kathryn Brown, 87, died Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Brown was a homemaker.

Mrs. Brown

She was born July 2, 1920, in Jackson Township of DeKalb County to LeRoy Clay and Eva Pearl (Warstler) Rinehold. They preceded her in death.

On July 3, 1938, she married Harold D. Brown. He died Jan. 7, 2002.

Surviving are seven sons and three daughters and their spouses, David and Gayle Brown, Debra Brown and Dennis and Phyllis Brown, all of Auburn, G. William "Bill" and Darlene Tucker, Dorsey and Patricia Brown and Dexter and Sandy Brown, all of Waterloo, Deanna Hart of Kendallville, Darold and Yvonne Brown of Garrett, Daniel and Balinda Brown of Butler and Douglas Brown of Lehigh Acres Fla.; 45 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Yvonne Brown officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to World Harvest Family Worship Center of Garrett or Huntertown United Methodist Women.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being republished to list additional surviving relatives.*

Emma Baltzell

AUBURN — Emma L. Baltzell, 84, of Auburn died Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2007, in Lockport, N.Y.

Mrs. Baltzell

She was a homemaker and a member of the Red Hat Society.

She was born May 16, 1923, in Bedford to Elmer and Daisy (Smith) Jordan.

She married Robert J. Baltzell on July 1, 1950, in Angola. He died March 24, 1998.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Jo Mary Scott of Lockport, N.Y.; a daughter, Judy Orr of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and their spouses, Shannon and Steven Abbott of Lockport, Kiley Scott of Albany, N.Y., Dennise Orr of New Haven, and Jeremy and Jamie Orr of Bourbonnais, Ill.; and a sister, Ruth Warden of New Haven; and two great-grandchildren, Madison Abbott and Elizabeth Abbott.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Lois Luttrell.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Calvary Chapel of Auburn. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery at Newville.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Memorials are to the Foundation Fighting Blindness, P.O. Box 17279, Baltimore, MD 21203-7279, or the American Lung Association, 3454 Stellhorn Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Albert Gingerich

WOLCOTTVILLE — Albert M. Gingerich, 72, of Wolcottville died Friday, Aug. 10, 2007, at 5:20 p.m. at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

He was employed as a factory worker and at Topeka Livestock. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church. He was born July 11, 1935, in Oneida, Iowa, to Melvin J. and Fannie (Miller) Gingerich. Both are deceased.

He married Anna Kurtz in Topeka on April 21, 1960. She survives.

Other survivors include five daughters and sons-in-law, Pauline and Ralph Knepp of LaGrange, Fannie and Dannie Schrock of Millersburg, Esther and Perry Yoder of Middlebury, Ruby and Merle Schrock of Millersburg and Clara and Ervin Miller of Wolcottville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Crist and Waneta Gingerich of Topeka, Melvin and Barbara Gingerich of Wawaka and Calvin and Royane Gingerich of Topeka; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Edna and Truman Jr. Schrock of Topeka, Liz and Harley Miller of Nappanee and Ida and William Hilty of Berne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ezra and Mary Gingerich of Millersburg and Jonas and Deb Gingerich of Wolf Lake; 41 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by a son, Irvin Gingerich, and two grandsons.

Services will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Freeman Hochstetler residence, 5340 S. 075W, LaGrange, with Bishop Freeman Hochstetler and the home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Monday at the residence.

Pallbearers are Jonathan Miller, Freeman Miller, Kenneth Hostetler, Richard Miller, LeVerne Yoder and Marvin Schrock.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Francis Wert

FREMONT — Francis A. Wert, 73, of Fremont died Friday, Aug. 10, 2007, at 5:35 a.m. at Cameron Hospital in Angola. Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Earlene Harris

LAGRANGE — Earlene Harris, 91, of LaGrange died Friday, Aug. 10, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Ruth Mast

GOSHEN — Ruth Etta Mast, 60, of Goshen died Friday, Aug. 10, 2007, at 8:30 p.m. her residence.

She was a homemaker and an member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Dec. 12, 1946, in Bremen to Harry and Sophia (Burkholder) Helmuth, who are deceased.

She was married Nov. 17, 1966, in Bremen to Levi Jay Mast, who survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Susan Kay and Marion Bontrager of Millersburg, Margaret Fern and Glen Miller of Middlebury, Barbara Sue and Freeman Lehman of Millersburg, Kathryn Marie Mast at home and Sarah Elizabeth Mast and friend, Jonathon Yoder, at home; four sons and daughters-in-law, David Jay and Fannie Mast of Goshen, Richard Allen and Rose Mast of Millersburg, Nelson Lee and Clara Mast of Millersburg and James Andrew and Christina Mast of Burr Oak, Mich.; five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Fern and Crist Yoder of Apple Creek, Ohio, Katie Mae Schwartz of Bourbon, Clara Schwartz and Sylvia and Delbert Schwartz, all of Etna Green, and Becky Helmuth of North Liberty; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Lee and Elva Helmuth of Etna Green, Wayne and Anna Marie Helmuth and Paul and Lena Helmuth, all of Rosebush, Mich., Glen and Mary Alice Helmuth of Bremen and Crist and Ruth Helmuth of Penrose, Colo.; and 30 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth and Richard Helmuth.

Services will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the family residence, 64445 C.R. 43, Goshen, with Bishop Maynard O. Miller and the home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Southeast Clinton Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Monday at the family residence.

Pallbearers are Junior Schlabach, Kenneth Yoder, Howard Hostetler, Andrew Yoder, Ferlin Yoder and Marion Beechy.

Arrangements are being handled by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. Condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Ex-LaGrange Clerk Earlene Harris dies

LAGRANGE — Earlene E. Harris, 91, of LaGrange died Friday, Aug. 10, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Harris was the former LaGrange County Circuit Court clerk, retiring in 1985. She had also been employed as a secretary at Lewis & Lambright Inc. and served as vice chairman for the LaGrange County Republican Party.

Mrs. Harris

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, the De Lafayette Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a former member of the Tuesday Club.

Mrs. Harris had received the Sagamore of the Wabash award.

She was born Jan. 2, 1916, in Saginaw, Mich., to Earl W. and Sylvia Joy (Teall) Carpenter Pickell. She married William U. Harris in Peru on Oct. 15, 1935. He died Feb. 6, 2003.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, William E. and Sharon Harris and David W. Harris, all of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two half brothers, Arthur Carpenter and Wade Carpenter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Mildred Donnelly; two brothers, Donald Carpenter and Dale Pickell; and a half sister, Mabel Misener.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church in LaGrange

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Carl Myers

WAWAKA — Carl M. Myers, 82, of Wawaka died at 8:20 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital where he had been a patient since Aug. 7.

Mr. Myers was a lifetime area resident and 1942 graduate of Wawaka High School.

He had been a material handler at Phelps Dodge in Fort Wayne with 39 years of service.

He enjoyed farming, traveling, antiques and attending antique auctions and listening to music, especially gospel music.

Mr. Myers was a member of Wawaka United Methodist Church.

He was born Sept. 3, 1924, in Noble County to Linville and Treadie (Targgart) Myers. He married Mary Frances Bish on June 9, 1946, at Wawaka United Methodist. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Lana Sanders of Wawaka, Carol Herzog and her husband, Frankie, of Phoenix, Ariz., Wanda Myers and her companion, Chet Richmond, of Pierceton, Linda Sanders and her husband, Gary, of Albion and Mary Jo Kimmel and her husband, Randy, of Albion; a brother, Lloyd Myers of LaGrange; a sister, Banche White of Lehighacres, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Jimmy Robbins officiating. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery at Cosperville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wawaka United Methodist Church.

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Virginia Murphy

FORT WAYNE — Virginia R. Murphy, 91, formerly a longtime resident of Decatur, died Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Woods Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Murphy was a homemaker and worked with her parents at Miller Grocery Store in Decatur. She was a partner in the Garrett Bowl for several years.

She was a longtime member of the Zion United Church of Christ in Decatur and attended the Garrett United Methodist Church. She played the organ at several churches in Decatur.

She was born Sept. 6, 1915, in Decatur to Edward and Ina (Martin) Miller.

On Oct. 15, 1934, in Covington, Ky., she married Harold U. Murphy. He died Jan. 7, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Evelyn Murphy of Fort Wayne, seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Tim Murphy and E. Ronald Murphy; and one sister, Madge Barton.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Zion United Church in Christ.

To sign an online guestbook, visit www.zwickjahn.com.

The following obituary is being republished to correct a typographical error.

Mary Lou Wisler

SPENCERVILLE — Mary Lou Wisler, 65, of rural Spencerville died Saturday morning, Aug. 11, 2007, at her home.

She received her Bachelor of Education degree from Manchester College and owned and operated the Shades of Country Antique Store in Leo.

She was born Sept. 6, 1941, in Fort Wayne to Ezra David and Ethel Pearl Klopfenstein, who are both deceased.

She married Neil Hamilton Wisler on July 26, 1963, in Fort Wayne. He survives in Spencerville.

Mrs. Wisler

Also surviving are two daughters, Julie Anne Starkey and Susan Lee Schowe, both of Auburn; a son, Basil David Glenn Wisler of Grabill; and three granddaughters, Cecilia Anne Schowe, Madeline Sue Schowe and Olivia Mae Schowe.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Grabill Missionary Church in Grabill with Pastor Ray Harrison officiating. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County, 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville is handling funeral arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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August 14, 2007, Tuesday

LeRoy McClellan

ASHLEY — LeRoy Ivan McClellan, 89, of Ashley died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2007, at his home.

He was a retired carpenter.

He was born in Auburn on July 22, 1918, to John and Leona (Geisinger) McClellan. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Berniece I. (Baird) McClellan in 1966, and his second wife, Ethel (Henderson) McClellan in 1995.

He is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, James and Glenda McClellan of Ashley, William and Marilyn McClellan of Hudson, and Theodore and Linda McClellan of Great Falls, Mont.; a brother and sister-in-law, John Jr. and Ella McClellan of Auburn; a sister, Irene Maxwell of Jacksonville, Fla.; and two stepdaughters, Gale Spence of Angola and Joan Hanna of Alabama; seven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Baby Lee; and a brother, DeWayne.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn, with his grandson, the Rev. Theodore McClellan II officiating.

There is no calling.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of services.

Teresa Parker

Mrs. Parker

AUBURN — Teresa M. Parker, 89, died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Parker worked as a medical staff secretary and administrative secretary for both Methodist and Parkview hospitals in Fort Wayne. She worked as administrative assistant at Seaside Navy Hospital and then at Long Beach Memorial Hospital. She also worked at Pacifica Hospital in Huntington Beach, Calif.

She attended both the Waterloo United Methodist Church and St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Mrs. Parker was a member of the National & Executive Secretary Association, Altrusa Club, Minerva Club, Franklin Friends Extension Club and the Indiana Farm Bureau. She was a member of the Heimach Center board of directors and served on its finance committee.

She was born Aug. 14, 1917, in Avilla to Herman D. and Mary Ann (Lemper) Lash.

On Sept. 29, 1951, in Fort Wayne, she married Jack B. Parker. He survives.

Also surviving are a brother, Louis Lash of Avilla; three sisters, Phyllis Heffner of Elkhart, Mary Jean Ley of Garrett and Ruth Alice Marti of Mattoon, Ill.; and more than 50 nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Harold, Albert and John Lash; and two sisters, Evelyn Evers and Joan E. Lash.

There will be no service and no calling.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery of Avilla at a later date.

Francis Wert

FREMONT — Francis A. Wert, 73, of Fremont died at 5:35 a.m. Friday, Aug. 10, 2007, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Wert was born April 20, 1934, in New Paris to Minor E. and Lois (Ganger) Wert. They are deceased.

Surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Marilyn and Jim Smith of New Paris and Mary Wert of LaPorte; a brother, Carroll Wert of Utah; a half brother, Ellsworth Wert of Union, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Wagner.

Cremation will take place.

Graveside services will be at a later date.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Earl Whysong

HAMILTON — Earl J. Whysong, 76, of Hamilton died Monday, Aug. 13, 2007, at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Services are Pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 14, 2007, Tuesday

Glenn Willson

COLUMBIA CITY — Glenn Warren Willson, 81, of Columbia City died Monday, Aug. 13, 2007, at 3:50 a.m. at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Willson lived in Fort Wayne for a short time after moving from LaPorte. He spent his childhood in the Wells County area, where he attended Union Center High School. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving from 1944-1946.

He was a former resident of Fort Wayne and in 1962, he moved to a farm in Union Township in Whitley County. In 2006, he and his wife moved to Columbia City.

Mr. Willson worked for Peter Eckrich & Sons in the refrigeration department. He retired in 1986 with nearly 30 years of service.

He was a member of the First Church of God in Columbia City and was a past member of the Masonic Lodge and the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club. He holds honors as a Ham Radio Operator 1992 Technician Class.

He was born on March 29, 1926, in LaPorte to Warren and Frances (Vanderwalker) Willson. They preceded him in death.

On Aug. 2, 1947, he married Charlotte Joyce Hamman in the Presbyterian Church in Ossian. She survives in Columbia City.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Gary W. and Sally Willson and Bruce A. and Annette Willson, all of Columbia City, and Dean E. and Patricia Willson of Leo; a daughter and son-in-law, Rita C. and Gale Pittman of South Whitley; two sisters, June Perry of Fort Wayne and Dolores Gardner of Temecula, Calif.; eight grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside, Columbia City, with Pastor Harry Gates officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens at Fort Wayne with graveside military rites by the Whitley County Korean War Veterans.

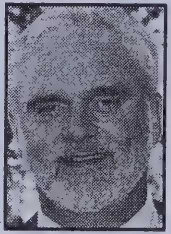
Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne or the First Church of God.

To send condolences, sign an online guestbook or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Willson's memory, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Michael Tom Elden

EDGERTON, Ohio — Michael Tom Elden, 56, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2007, in his home.


Mr. Elden

Mr. Elden was a graduate of Ferris State University and was employed by Tomco Plastics in Bryan, Ohio, as operations manager with 25 years of service to the company.

He was a member of the Edgerton Christian Church and formerly was president of the Edgerton Athletic Boosters, where he was instrumental in the construction of the athletic building and its donation to the Edgerton Local Schools. He was also an avid golfer and sportsman.

He was born July 3, 1951, in Midland, Mich., to William Dexter and Elizabeth Ann (Feighner) Elden.

He married Kristine Clare Johnson on Dec. 16, 1972, in Manistique, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Matthew and Mindy Elden, of Hilliard, Ohio, and Christian and Elizabeth Elden, of Anderson; one granddaughter, Adelaide, and one sister, Ann Benmark, of Clare, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Jane Robinson.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Life Changing Realities Fellowship on U.S. 6 west of Edgerton with Pastor Steve Wilmot officiating. Burial will be private.

Calling will be at Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Memorials are to the Edgerton Christian Church or the Edgerton Area Foundation.

Condolences may be sent and the online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 15, 2007, Wednesday

Wayne Martin Jr.

GARRETT — Wayne Martin Jr., 65, of Garrett died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007, at his summer home at Indian Springs Campground in Garrett.

Mr. Martin

He was employed in the past with National Steel and Mining Co. of Wayland, Ky., and enjoyed gardening and fishing, cutting and welding and his camping friends at Indian Springs Campground.

He and his wife spent their winters in Umatilla, Fla.

Mr. Martin was born in Salisbury Branch, Ky., on Oct. 14, 1941, to Wayne and Bertha (Turner) Martin. He married Juliet Suzanne Campbell on Oct. 30, 1987, in Clintwood, Va. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ricky Martin of Dema, Ky., and Nicholas and Shannon Martin of Umatilla, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Vicki and Matt Haines of Kendallville and Judy and Pat Moore of Wolcottville; four grandchildren, Travis, Tinika, Malory and Tyler; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Shelby and Charlie Cassel of York Haven, Pa., Mabel and Melvin Hall of Prestonsburg, Ky., and Brenda Faye and Robert Jacobs of Pippa Passes, Ky.; two brothers, Columbus and Vickie Martin of Bevinsville, Ky., and Ronald and Sylvia Martin of Dema, Ky.; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jack and Carolyn Campbell of Corunna.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Charles "Bear" Martin.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be later in Kentucky.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

View a video tribute after Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Dorothy Wolfe

NEW HAVEN — Dorothy M. Wolfe, 81, of New Haven and formerly of Monroeville, died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007, at the Village of Heritage.

Mrs. Wolfe

Born in Monroeville, she was the daughter of Eugene and Esther Gerardot.

She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Haven and the Local 57 UAW Retirees. She retired from International Harvester in 1972 after 30 years.

She was an active volunteer through the years with hospice, the Red Cross, St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, and the Democratic Party. She was honored by News Channel 15 as Volunteer of the Year in 1992.

Surviving are her stepchildren, Jim B. Wolfe and his wife, Ann, of Columbia City, Molly Vakerics of Oro Valley, Ariz. and Mary Ellen Crawford of Auburn; a sister, Earlene Radabaugh of Monroeville; a sister-in-law, Roberta Gerardot of Monroeville; four stepgrandchildren; eight stepgreat-grandchildren; and several stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl, in 1985; brother, Robert Gerardot; and a niece and nephew.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 943 Powers, New Haven, with calling one hour before. Burial will be in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling also will be Thursday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana 930 East, New Haven, with a rosary service at 3:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses, Village of Heritage, or Family Hospice of North East Indiana.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 15, 2007, Wednesday

Betty Arnold

ROME CITY — Betty J. Arnold, 83, of Rome City died at 12:16 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Arnold

Mrs. Arnold was a lifetime area resident.

She had been employed by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville for many years and had worked at Fischer's Pharmacy in Kendallville.

Mrs. Arnold was a member of Brimfield United Methodist Church and American Legion Auxiliary Unit of Post 381 in Rome City where she was a past president.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and her dog, Sammy. She enjoyed living on Sylvan Lake.

She was born Nov. 15, 1923, in Stroh to Paul "Jake" and Dora May (Pierson) Rowlison. She married Homer Arnold on May 19, 1944, in Mountain Home, Idaho. He died May 21, 1979.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Sam and Myrna Arnold of Brimfield and Jack and Mary Arnold of Rome City; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Cora and Willis Tuttle of Auburn, Catherine Kaufman of Angola and Joan Hueling of Mishawaka; a brother and sister-in-law, Jay and Donnabelle Rowlison of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Chad P. Arnold and Brice R. Arnold, both of Brimfield, Shelly VanGorder of Avilla, James Lee Arnold of Muncie and Jason Arnold of South Whitley; 12 great-grandchildren, Alexander Arnold, Miranda Arnold, Jared Arnold, Audrey Grove, Derek Grove, Ricky Duty, Amanda Duty, Jake VanGorder, Jessica Arnold, Dylan Arnold, Trey Arnold and Haylee Arnold.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Donald Rowlison; and four sisters, Geraldine Leonhardt, Pauline Rowlison, Donna Jean Rowlison and Nancy Kay Rowlison.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Omer Nisley of Brimfield United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Pallbearers will be Chad Arnold, Brice Arnold, James Arnold, Ricky Duty, David VanGorder and Jason Arnold.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Brimfield United Methodist Church, Rome City Fire Department, Brimfield Lions Club, Kidney Foundation or the American Heart Association.

Henry Yoder

TOPEKA — Henry C. Yoder, 86, of Topeka died at 7:40 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Yoder was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Jan. 19, 1921 in Reno County, Kan., to Chris C. and Lizzie (Schrock) Yoder. He married Susan J. Knepp on Jan. 15, 1942, in Haven, Kan. She died June 17, 2005.

Surviving are six daughters and sons-in-law, Anna Mae and Joe Borntreger of Bonduel, Wis., Ruby and Alvin Schrock and Cora Sue and LeRoy Miller, all of Middlebury, Lizzie and Lee Weaver of Topeka, Katie Reiling of Howe, Wilma and Homer Miller of Shipshewana; seven sons and daughters-in-law, Tobie and LeAnna Yoder, Chris and Esther Yoder and Levi and Clara Mae Yoder, all of Middlebury, John and Norma Jean Yoder of Sarasota, Fla., Dan and Mary Etta Yoder and Henry and Edna Yoder, all of LaGrange, and Enos and Lizzie Mae Yoder of Millersburg; 88 grandchildren; 194 great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Enos and Clara Yoder of Haven, Kan.; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Elva and Levi Knepp and Alice and Ervin Eash, all of Haven.

He was also preceded in death by two sons, Eli Jay Yoder at age 18, and an infant son; a grandchild; six great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mattie Miller and Sue Mullet.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the family home with Bishop Glenn Hostetler and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery at Middlebury.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the family home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 15, 2007, Wednesday

Mary Christlieb

WATERLOO — Mary "Leone" Christlieb, 87, of Waterloo died Monday, Aug. 13, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Christlieb was a homemaker. She was a 50-year member of the Eastern Star and loved sewing, painting and gardening.

She was born Jan. 5, 1920, in Auburn to Earl and Mary (Weeks) Carper.

She married Guy R. Christlieb in June 1940, and he preceded her in death in April 1968.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Delbert Payton of Waterloo; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Howard and Maxine Carper of Auburn, John and Vada Carper of Waterloo and Art and Gloria Carper of Pleasant Lake; a sister, Harriet Myers of Auburn; five grandchildren and their spouses, Mark Payton, Roxanne Myers, Todd and Tina Payton, Tim Eberly and Melissa and Jamie Ketzenberger; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Susan Eberly, and a sister, Martelle Rhoads.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. An Eastern Star service will be conducted Friday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Society.

Earl Whysong

HAMILTON — Earl J. Whysong, 76, of Hamilton died Monday, Aug. 13, 2007, at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Mr. Whysong worked for Favourite Farms. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He loved fishing, his family, playing cards and farming.

He was born Aug. 31, 1930, in Angola to Ford and Jennie (Moore) Whysong.

He is survived by a sister, Kathryn Rowe of Garrett; four nieces, Kathryn Crowl and Grace Shumaker of Waterloo, Debra Whysong of Hamilton, and Sharon Zeigler of Garrett; and three nephews, Robert Fenters of Waterloo, Howard Curtland of Hudson and Donald Curtland of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents and six brothers and sisters.

Services will be at noon Friday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Cemetery with the Orland American Legion Post No. 423 conducting military services.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Gerhard Holycross

HOLLAND, Ohio — Gerhard "Gary" Holycross, 54, of Holland, Ohio, died Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007, at St. Vincent-Mercy Medical Center.

He had been employed at Midas and LOF.

Mr. Holycross enjoyed garage sales and thrift stores. He had coached his children in soccer and the love of his life was his children and grandchildren.

He was born July 3, 1953, in Knoxville, Ky., to William and Elli Holycross Sr. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Toledo, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife, Corrine Sue Holycross; a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Vicki Holycross of Ida, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Audra and Mark Fullerman of Cleveland; three stepsons and their wives, Steve Bergquist of Toledo, Mike and Trish Bergquist of Toledo and Craig and Patti Bergquist of Holland; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Cathy and John Ballmer of Columbus and Dianna and David Wismer of Holland; 16 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Harold and Jean Holycross and Donald and Rachel Holycross, all of California, and William and Julie Holycross Jr., of Toledo; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Sue Contreras and Karen Holycross, both of Toledo, and Beverly and Eric Mills of California.

He was also preceded in death by his granddaughter, Ambria Wismer, and close friend, Scott Jaeger.

Services were today at Blanchard-Strabler Funeral Home in Toledo.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Online condolences are to blanchardstrabler.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 15, 2007, Wednesday

Mary Wolfe, 80

WATERLOO — Mary L. Wolfe, 80, died Monday, Aug. 6, 2007, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Wolfe had been a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church since 1955 and served on several committees, as well as being the church secretary for many years. She was an accomplished baker, sewer, gardener and homemaker.

She was born at home in Jefferson Township in Noble County on May 10, 1927, to A. Carl and Edna Mae (Addis) Wood. They preceded her in death in 1962 and 2003 respectively

Surviving are her husband, Bob, whom she married in November 1946; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John Wolfe of Fort Wayne and Jerry and Sue Wolfe of Hamilton; a daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Chuck Kristek of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Joshua A. Wolfe of Phoenix, Ariz.;.five step-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Martha Wood of Kimmell; a sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Howard Nedwed of Sun Valley, Calif.; a brother-in-law, Jack Study; and a sister-in-law, Hilda Wood.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Wood, and a sister, Bess Study.

Services were held August 10, 2007 at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Mike Harris officiated. Burial took place at Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials are to Campus Life or A Different Drummer Learning Center.

Albert Gingerich, 72

WOLCOTTVILLE — Albert M. Gingerich, 72, of Wolcottville died Friday, Aug. 10, 2007, at 5:20 p.m. at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

He was employed as a factory worker and at Topeka Livestock. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church. He was born July 11, 1935, in Oneida, Iowa, to Melvin J. and Fannie (Miller) Gingerich. Both are deceased.

He married Anna Kurtz in Topeka on April 21, 1960. She survives.

Other survivors include five daughters and sons-in-law, Pauline and Ralph Knepp of LaGrange, Fannie and Dannie Schrock of Millersburg, Esther and Perry Yoder of Middlebury, Ruby and Merle Schrock of Millersburg and Clara and Ervin Miller of Wolcottville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Crist and Waneta Gingerich of Topeka, Melvin and Barbara Gingerich of Wawaka and Calvin and Royane Gingerich of Topeka; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Edna and Truman Jr. Schrock of Topeka, Liz and Harley Miller of Nappanee and Ida and William Hilty of Berne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ezra and Mary Gingerich of Millersburg and Jonas and Deb Gingerich of Wolf Lake; 41 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by a son, Irvin Gingerich, and two grandsons.

Services were August 14, 2007 at the Freeman Hochstetler residence, 5340 S. 075W, LaGrange, with Bishop Freeman Hochstetler and the home ministers officiating. Burial took place in Miller Cemetery in LaGrange.

Pallbearers were Jonathan Miller, Freeman Miller, Kenneth Hostetler, Richard Miller, LeVerne Yoder and Marvin Schrock.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 15, 2007, Wednesday

Donald E. Gross, 74

CHURUBUSCO — Donald E. Gross, 74, of Blue Lake near Churubusco died Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne following a sudden illness.

A native of Churubusco, he was a 1951 graduate of Churubusco High School.

He had been associated with Gross Drainage since 1952, eventually owning the company.

Mr. Gross was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church, Churubusco Masonic Lodge 515 F.&A.M., Fort Wayne Mizpah Temple, Whitley County Shrine Club, Mizpah Motorcycle Club, Scottish Rite Fort Wayne Valley, Whitley County 4-H Museum and Learning Center and the Antique Power Club. He was a 32-year member of the LICA and served as its president in 1980.

He was born Aug. 25, 1932, in Churubusco to Guy E. and Mary Lois (McGuire) Gross. He married Marilyn Nicodemus on Sept. 20, 1953, in Columbia City. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Teresa (Greg) Salesman, Todd (Deb) Gross and Tracie L. Gross, all of Churubusco, and Tamara (Tom) Miller of Fremont; a brother, Lynn (Jo Ellen Gross) of Churubusco; three sisters, Louise (Donald) Barnhart of Fort Wayne and Mary Ann (Leonard) Hazen and Connie Teghtmeyer, all of Churubusco; and grandchildren, Amanda Salesman, Allyson Salesman, Brooke and Brad Bastin, Wade Boggs, Jana Miller, Mary Miller, Levi Gross and Whitley Gross.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert Gross.

Services were at Churubusco United Methodist Church with Pastor Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial was in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church or the Whitley County 4-H Museum and Learning Center.

Carl M. Myers, 82

WAWAKA — Carl M. Myers, of Wawaka died Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital where he had been a patient since August 7, 2007.

A native of Noble County, he spent his lifetime in the area. He was a 1942 graduate of Wawaka High School. He was a member of Wawaka United Methodist church.

Mr Myers enjoyed farming, traveling, antique auctions, collecting antiques and listening to music, especially gospel music.

He was born on Sept. 3, 1924, the son of Linville and Treadie (Targgart) Myers. He married his wife of 61 years, Mary Frances Bish on June 9, 1946 at the United Methodist church in Wawaka, she survives.

Mr. Myers was a material handler at Phelps Dodge in Fort Wayne for 39 years.

Also surviving are his five children, Lana Sanders of Wawaka, Carol (Frankie) Herzog of Phoenix, AZ., Wanda Myers and companion Chet Richmond of Pierceton, IN, Linda (Gary) Sanders of Albion, and Mary Jo (Randy) Kimmel of Albion; a brother, Lloyd Myers of LaGrange and a sister, Blanche White of Lehighacres, FL; ten chrandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were at Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel with Rev. Jimmy Robbins officiating. Burial was in Cosperville Cemetery in Cosperville.

Memorials are to Wawaka United Methodist Church.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 15, 2007, Wednesday

Steven Zawadzke, 57

KENDALLVILLE — Steven J. Zawadzke, 57, of Kendallville died at 4:17 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2007, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Zawadzke had been in ill health since April 2006.

He had worked 32 years through Lyall Electric, Group Dekko and International Wire and one year at Colwell.

Mr. Zawadzke was a lifetime area resident and 1969 graduate of East Noble High School.

He was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

He had served in the Indiana National Guard from 1970 to 1976 and was a staff sergeant in the mortar platoon of Combat Support Co. 1/293 Infantry.

Mr. Zawadzke enjoyed traveling especially to Michigan, watching the History Channel and was a Civil War, World War I and World War II buff.

He was born Oct. 2, 1949, in Kendallville to John and Luella (Baker) Zawadzke. He married Monique McDonald on Sept. 18, 1987, in Kendallville. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Suzanne Zawadzke of Wolf Lake; three grandchildren, Alexia, Kyle and Maya; two nieces, Anne Noel of New York City and Cheryl “Ootsie” Noel of Atlanta; and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Kenneth and Jane Freiburger of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Sarah in 1979; a son, Andrew in 2000; and a sister, Sharon in 1997.

At Mr. Zawadzke’s request, there will be no services.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814 and Parkview Home Health.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com..

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 16, 2007, Thursday

Mary Ann Taylor

MATLACHA, Fla. — Mary Ann Taylor, 64, of Matlacha, Fla., formerly of Orland, died Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2007, at Cape Coral Hospital in Cape Coral, Fla.

Mrs. Taylor

Mrs. Taylor had several jobs, including teaching embroidery and quilting classes throughout her life after obtaining a degree in sewing and quilting in Pennsylvania. She worked on the Taylor farm with her husband and son, as secretary and treasurer of Taylor Trucking Inc. of Indiana and the Taylor Group of Gainesville, Fla. Her family also purchased a small beer and wine business in Gainesville. She also taught the American Guild at the University of Florida and sewing and quilting classes at the Lee County Art and Recreating building in Malatcha. She and her husband sold her unique and creative dolls and pillow quilts at craft shows throughout Florida.

She was a talented individual that loved bringing joy to people. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and teaching them the things she enjoyed doing. She was very talented and worked on Singer, Viking and Bernina sewing machines. Mary Ann was and is a special person who will be missed by all who knew her.

She was born in Albion, Mich. She married Richard Taylor, whom she met in Orland. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Richard Taylor Jr. of Matlacha; two daughters, Caresse Bullock of Waldorf, Md., and Christy Moultrie of Gainesville, Ga.; six grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Ronnie and Diane Boocher of Sturgis, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Sandy Boocher.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at East Gilead Memorial Church in Bronson, Mich., with the Rev. Harry Squires officiating. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Memorials are to the American Arthritis Foundation.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Donald Bowman

AUBURN — Donald Lee Bowman, 74, died this morning at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Bowman worked as a cook for Souder Hospital in Auburn for 25 years and then for Betz Nursing Home for 31 years, retiring in 2006. He was a member of Cornerstone Church in Auburn.

He loved bingo, bowling, playing cards with his family and gambling.

He was born April 17, 1933, in Auburn to Duane and Florede V. (Pence) Bowman.

Surviving are two sisters, Shirley Baird of Auburn and Barbara Buttermore of Waterloo; two brothers, Jerry Bowman of Auburn and Ronald Clark of Auburn; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Duane Bowman and Buddy Marvin Bowman.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Children First Center of Auburn.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 16, 2007, Thursday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information.*

Betty Arnold

ROME CITY — Betty J. Arnold, 83, of Rome City died at 12:16 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Arnold

Mrs. Arnold was a lifetime area resident.

She had been employed by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville for many years and had worked at Fischer's Pharmacy in Kendallville.

Mrs. Arnold was a member of Brimfield United Methodist Church and American Legion Auxiliary Unit of Post 381 in Rome City where she was a past president.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and her dog, Sammy. She enjoyed living on Sylvan Lake and loved to cook.

She was born Nov. 15, 1923, in Stroh to Paul "Jake" and Dora May (Pierson) Rowlison. She married Homer Arnold on May 19, 1944, in Mountain Home, Idaho. He died May 21, 1979.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Sam and Myrna Arnold of Brimfield and Jack and Mary Arnold of Rome City; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Cora and Willis Tuttle of Auburn, Catherine Kaufman of Angola and Joan and Richard Huling of Mishawaka; a brother and sister-in-law, Jay and Donnabelle Rowlison of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Chad P. Arnold and Brice R. Arnold, both of Brimfield, Shelly VanGorder of Avilla, James Lee Arnold of Muncie and Jason Arnold of South Whitley; and 12 great-grandchildren, Alexander Arnold, Miranda Arnold, Jared Arnold, Audrey Grove, Derek Grove, Ricky Duty, Amanda Duty, Jake VanGorder, Jessica Arnold, Dylan Arnold, Trey Arnold and Haylee Arnold.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Donald Rowlison; and four sisters, Geraldine Leonhardt, Pauline Rowlison, Donna Jean Rowlison and Nancy Kay Rowlison.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Omer Nisley of Brimfield United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Chad Arnold, Brice Arnold, James Arnold, Ricky Duty, David VanGorder and Jason Arnold.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Brimfield United Methodist Church, Rome City Fire Department, Brimfield Lions Club, Kidney Foundation or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
August 16, 2007, Thursday

Pauline Blair

BUTLER — Pauline Blair, 96, of Butler died Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2007, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Blair graduated from Wolcottville High School and attended beauty school. She worked as a beautician and a nursing home assistant, and also worked at Marshall Clothing in Butler and Sarabell's Dress Shop. She loved her pets.

She was born June 25, 1911, in LaGrange County to Edward and Florence (Smith) Sears.

She married Bruce E. Blair on Nov. 24, 1932, in Newville. He died Oct. 16, 1995.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Freda Blair of Angola and Alan and Vickie Blair of Sumpter, S.C.; a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Raymond Collet of Ligonier; eight grandsons and their wives, Ed and Sherri Blair of Marion, Va., Stan Collet of Ligonier, Steve and Sandra Collet of Beebe, Ark., Bruce and Teresa Collet of Arlington, Va., Stuart Collet of Huntington, David and Judy Blair of Rapid City, S.D., Daren and Julie Blair of Butler, and Rodney and Trish Blair of Butler; four granddaughters and their husbands, Jenny and David Lovelace of Grand Rapids, Mich., Debra Bates of Butler, Julie and Rick Richmond of Hamilton, and Courtney McDuffy of Sumpter, S.C.; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Floyd Sears; and a grandson, Kevin Edelen.

Services were Saturday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler. Burial was in Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Carl Myers

WAWAKA — Carl M. Myers, 82, of Wawaka died at 8:20 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital where he had been a patient since Aug. 7.

Mr. Myers was a lifetime area resident and 1942 graduate of Wawaka High School.

He had been a material handler at Phelps Dodge in Fort Wayne with 39 years of service.

He enjoyed farming, traveling, antiques and attending antique auctions and listening to music, especially gospel music.

Mr. Myers was a member of Wawaka United Methodist Church.

He was born Sept. 3, 1924, in Noble County to Linville and Treadie (Targgart) Myers. He married Mary Frances Rish on June 9, 1946, at Wawaka United Methodist. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Lana Sanders of Wawaka, Carol Herzog and her husband, Frankie, of Phoenix, Ariz., Wanda Myers and her companion, Chet Richmond, of Pierceton, Linda Sanders and her husband, Gary, of Albion and Mary Jo Kimmel and her husband, Randy, of Albion; a brother, Lloyd Myers of LaGrange; a sister, Banche White of Lehighacres, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Jimmy Robbins officiating. Burial was in Cosperville Cemetery at Cosperville.

Memorials are to Wawaka United Methodist Church.

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Olive Skiles

AVILLA — Olive E. Skiles, 91, of Avilla died at 5:05 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Skiles was a lifetime area resident.

Mrs. Skiles

She was a homemaker and had worked for 13 years for General Electric.

Mrs. Skiles enjoyed family gatherings, crocheting and was an avid card player.

She was born Dec. 4, 1915, in Allen County to Eugene and Nellie (Bottern) Bonjour. She married Ralph C. Skiles on Dec. 24, 1935, in Columbus, Ind. He died March 11, 2007.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Barb Skiles of Churubusco and Terry and Ginny Skiles of Avilla; a brother, Howard Bonjour of Montpelier, Ind.; five grandchildren and their spouses, Chad Skiles, Chet and Hilary Skiles, Beth and George Basar, Lisa and Scott Colberg and Karen Skiles; and three great-grandchildren, Ashleigh Skiles, Alyssa Skiles and Derrick Colberg.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Opal Tenney, Viola Dickerson and Doris Evans; and four brothers, Maurice, Louis, Virgil and James Bonjour.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avill Chapel, and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Iver Johnson

AUBURN — Iver J. Johnson, 72, of Auburn and formerly of Tacoma, Wash., died Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Johnson worked on fishing boats as a professional fisherman.

He was born May 18, 1935, in Seldovia, Wash., to Iver Johnson Sr. and Nancy (Kvasnikoff) Johnson.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Alan and Kathy Johnson of Auburn; a niece, Jessica Jordan; and two great-nephews, Skylar and Gavin Jordan.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Wilma Moore.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn for funeral expenses.

Maurice Woodring

FREMONT — Maurice Woodring, 80, Fremont, died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Donna Burns

LIGONIER — Donna Jean Burns of Ligonier died at 1:57 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, 2007, at her rural Ligonier home.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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Betty Dyer

GARRETT — Betty Jean Dyer, 77, of Garrett died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2007.

She was retired from Rieke Corp. and was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Her childhood was spent in Auburn with summers at Golden Lake, where she played, learned to fish and enjoyed catching bluegill.

She was interested in nature and enjoyed watching the hummingbirds she attracted at her cottage. In the winter months, she crafted gifts for family and friends and enjoyed making caramel popcorn.

She was born Dec. 25, 1929, the first child of Harry and Esther Blevins. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Paul Boedeker of Fremont and Tina and Alan Palmer of Wabash; a son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Jody Dyer of Angola; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Helen Sanders of Auburn, Becky and Bill Meyers of Angola and Rosie and Bob Vollmer of Fort Wayne; and a brother and sister-in-law, Chuck and Shirley Blevins of Garrett.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, 2301 N. Main St., with Pastor Dan White officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Ruth Austin

ANGOLA — A memorial service for Ruth K. Austin will be Saturday, Aug. 25, at 4 p.m. at Circle Hill Cemetery of Angola with family and friends.

Mrs. Austin, 99, of Silver Springs, Fla., died April 14, 2007, at Oakhurst Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

A native of Angola, she moved to Silver Springs in 1970. She was a lifelong homemaker and artist and a member of Central Christian Church in Ocala, Fla.

Surviving are two daughters, Nancy J. Richmond of Silver Springs and Susan Boyd of Rocky Mount, N.C.; a son, Jim Austin of Daytona, Fla.; a brother, Bart Golden of Auburn; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 70 years, James C. Austin; a daughter, Joan L. Richmond; and three sisters, Marjorie Pilliod, Lois Buck and Lorene Barger.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to list additional relatives.*

Donald Bowman

AUBURN — Donald Lee Bowman, 74, died Thursday morning, Aug. 16, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Bowman worked as a cook for Souder Hospital in Auburn for 25 years and then for Betz Nursing Home for 31 years, retiring in 2006. He was a member of Cornerstone Church in Auburn.

He loved bingo, bowling, playing cards with his family and gambling.

He was born April 17, 1933, in Auburn to Duane and Florede V. (Pence) Bowman.

Surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Shirley Baird of Auburn and Barbara and Marvin Buttermore of Waterloo; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Terry Bowman and Jerry Bowman, both of Auburn and Ronald and Cheryl Clark of Auburn; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and great-great-nieces and -nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Duane Bowman and Buddy Marvin Bowman.

Services will be today at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling was Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Children First Center of Auburn.

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Donna Burns

LIGONIER — Donna Jean Burns, 79, of Ligonier died at 1:57 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, 2007, at her residence.

She was a lifetime Ligonier area resident, and worked at Silgan Plastics for 20 years before retiring.

Mrs. Burns

She was an artist, and loved to sew and garden. She was a member of West Noble American Legion Auxiliary, and a former member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Ligonier.

In Sparta Township, she was born to Earl and Edna (Leamaster) Butler on Feb. 26, 1928.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Joan Burns of Millersburg; two daughters and a son-in-law, Diana Burns of Ligonier, and Victoria and David Metz of Kingman, Ariz.; four sisters, Luella Weade of Kimmell, Velva Stroufe of Sebring, Fla., Louise Hill of Gainesville, Fla., and Roberta Peacock of Alford, Fla.; five grandsons; and two great-grandchildren.

Her parents, a son, George Burns, a brother, Lowell Butler, and a great-grandchild preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Pastor Harlen Steffan officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospice.

C. Berniece Bryie

HUNTERTOWN — C. Berniece Bryie, 93, formerly of Huntertown, died Friday, Aug. 17, 2007, in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

She was a former resident of Lima Road and West Shoaff Road in Huntertown.

She had worked at General Electric, and retired in 1976 from Morrell Motors, both in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bryie was a lifetime member of the Huntertown community and graduated from Huntertown High School in 1933. She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Fort Wayne.

On Jan. 21, 1914, in Perry Township, Allen County, she was born to Gust and Margaret (Kugler) Bracht. She married Merl E. Bryie on June 20, 1937, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on April 18, 1996.

Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law, Morris and Leona Bracht of Huntertown; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary Alice Norford, and Helen and William Gresham, all of Fort Wayne; five nephews, Phil Grogg and James Norford, both of Fort Wayne, Joseph Grogg of LaOtto, and Tim and John Bracht, both of Huntertown; and two nieces, Linda Rhodes and Laura Deckard, both of Fort Wayne.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth A. Grogg of rural LaOtto.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Sherri Long officiating and Charles Kibiger assisting. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. Monday until the service time at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Assembly of God Church or Huntertown United Methodist Church. Envelopes will be available at the church.

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Nellie Foreman

MUSKEGON, Mich. — Nellie Leon "Bug" Foreman, 94, of Muskegon died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2007, in a Muskegon nursing home.

She was a former member of Sheridan Drive Baptist Church where she served as a Sunday school teacher for many years.

Mrs. Foreman was later a member of Orchard View Congregational Church.

She sewed a lot, was a hard worker and an excellent cook. She enjoyed rock hunting, finding money, bird watching and yodeling.

Mrs. Foreman was a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother to her family.

On Sept. 27, 1912, she was born to William and Laura Jane (Talburt) Ashcraft in Stroud, Okla. She married Alvie Everett Foreman in Seminole, Okla., on April 12, 1933. He preceded her in death on Sept. 18, 1970.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Betty M. Booker of Wolcottville, and Patsy J. and Bob Halliwill of Charlotte, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Mac and Diane Foreman of Muskegon; a daughter-in-law and her spouse, Sue and Carl Steffen; 15 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; many great-great-grandchildren; two half sisters and their spouses, Lottie and John Inman, and Georgia Ann and Fred Smith, all of Depew, Okla.; a brother-in-law, Jim Foreman; two sisters-in-law, Goldie and Helen Steffen; numerous cousins; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, a son, Jack Leon Foreman, five sisters, Ruth Totts, Ruth Butterfield, Opal Irwin, Willie Ridenour and Jessie Meekins; two half-sisters, Alma June and Loejean, her parents and dear friend Cliff Ketchum preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Systema Chapel, Systema Funeral Homes, Inc., 737 Apple Ave., Muskegon, Mich., with the Rev. Dr. Gerald J. Wahr officiating. Burial will be in Sunrise Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Evanston Avenue Baptist Church Building Fund.

Condolences are to www.systemafh.com.

Maurice Woodring

FREMONT — Maurice Woodring, 80, of Fremont and formerly of Auburn, died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2007, in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was retired from General Electric in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Woodring was a U.S. Navy veteran and moved to Fremont from Auburn.

On June 16, 1927, in Allen County, he was born to Edward and Janet (Smith) Woodring. He married Patricia Harris on March 4, 1948, in Spencerville. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jack and Lana Woodring, and Gene Woodring, all of Fremont; three grandchildren and a spouse, Corrie and Elton Owsley of Waterloo, Keri Woodring of Countryside, Ill., and Ashley Woodring of Fremont; two great-grandchildren, Samantha and Spencer Owsley; a brother, Donald Woodring of New Haven; and a sister, Marie Treesh of Auburn.

In addition to his parents, a brother, Jerry Woodring, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Fremont Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

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Farmers' friend loved the land

BY VIV ROSSWURM
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CHURUBUSCO — When Donald Gross worked, he worked hard. And he expected everyone else to do the same. When he played, he played hard. And he made sure those around him had fun, as well.

Involved in agricultural ditching and drainage since 1952, Mr. Gross was known and well-respected by farmers throughout northeast Indiana.

Don Goss

After he died unexpectedly at the age of 74 on Aug. 9 — both of his parents had lived well into their 90s — friends, family and many farmers lined up at the funeral home, some of them waiting nearly three hours to get inside and pay their respects . Don Gross became involved with the family business, Gross Drainage, through his father, Guy Gross and his uncle, Herb Gross, when they bought a ditching machine for the family farm in 1951. Don ran the machine for two years, then went to work for J.I. Case, traveling around the country and demonstrating large farm equipment. He worked there until the company closed and then worked for the Operators and Engineers Union in Fort Wayne.

Eventually he returned to the family business, buying the farm ditching operation with a partner, Roger Nestel, in 1974. He bought Nestel's share in 1981 and operated the business for many years with his son, Todd Gross, who bought the business in 2000.

"Mr. Gross was the most skilled and talented person in the business and has been a great plus for northeast Indiana farmers," said Phil Wysong, a Noble County farmer. "Laying tile is a real art, and crucial to farming in this region that once was significantly swamp land. I learned so much from him."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Don Gross operates a drainage ditching machine with his son, Todd Gross, nearby. Starting in 1952, Mr. Gross created and installed drainage systems on farms throughout northeast Indiana through his business, Gross Drainage. He bought the family business in 1974. His son, Todd, took over in 2000. Mr. Gross continued to work until Aug. 9 when he died at the age of 74.

"Dad was very instrumental in getting farmers to systematically drain their fields," Todd Gross said. "He was able to prove that the result would be better crop yields."

Other ditchers usually did random or spot draining, Todd Gross said, but his father always tried to sell farmers a professional, thorough and efficient drainage plan.

"He set perimeters and then drew up a plan for making the most effective use of the land," Todd Gross said. "From the beginning, he understood drainage and how it worked. People respected that."

Many farmers felt compelled to stay in the fields with ditch contractors and make sure they were doing a good job until they met Don Gross.

"He instilled confidence with his professionalism and was never wrong when it came to ditching," Todd said. "He even helped competitors who would ask for his advice."

In 1975 Don Gross became a member of the Land Improvement Contractors Association, serving as president in 1980.

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His father, Guy Gross, was president in 1958-59 and Todd served as president in 2000-01.

It was at a 4-H event as a young boy that Don Gross first caught the eye of 12-year-old Marilyn Nicodemus, who attended school in Huntertown. Later, when they were in high school, Don was smitten and declared on their very first date that they would wed, Marilyn Gross recalled with a laugh.

The couple were married Sept. 20, 1953, and had four children, Teresa in 1960, Tammy in 1963, Todd in 1964 and Tracie in 1970.

Tracie has Down syndrome and is quick to brag that she was the apple of her dad's eye.

"No one else could get away with telling dad what to do, but she could," Todd said, motioning toward Tracie, who laughed and nodded in agreement.

Mr. Gross enjoyed spending time with his family, especially the grandchildren, and riding his Gold Wing motorcycle that he bought when he turned 50. Don and Marilyn Gross always made sure they took time to have a summer vacation with their family, even if they didn't go far or didn't spend a lot of money.

"One time we used a tractor pull as an excuse to vacation in Canada," Marilyn Gross said.

Today, grandson Levi Gross, 20, is employed at Gross Drainage, making tracks as the fourth generation of agricultural ditchers. Levi's dad, Todd, remembers a story that best illustrates the work ethic of their father and grandfather.

"Levi was helping ditch and sat down at the edge of a road to rest," Todd said. "Dad asked him if he was waiting for coffee and doughnuts to be delivered. Levi looked confused and said no. Then dad told him to get up and get back to work, because unless he was having coffee and doughnuts, there was no reason to quit working."

Mitch Bair, 29, of Columbia City started digging ditches for Don Gross when he was 15. He said his strong work ethic is a direct result of working for the Grosses. Bair, who is now employed as an applications specialist for a tooling company, said he learned a lot from Don Gross about working hard, workplace professionalism and how to get along with others.

In 2000, at the age of 68, Don Gross decided he wanted to take a motorcycle trip to the West Coast. He told his friend, Gary Jagger, that he was going with or without him.

"I wasn't going to let him go by himself, although I didn't really think I had the money to make such a trip," Jagger said. "That trip — we logged in 7,200 miles in 15 days — was one of the highlights of my life. I'm glad Don talked me into it."

Gross's dry wit and his trait of becoming instant friends with everyone he met made for a good time, Jagger said.

"We would go into a restaurant in almost any state and by the time we left, he was friends with all the waitresses. Don made their jobs fun," he said.

"From everyone's account, Don was not easy to work for — he demanded perfection — and I'm not sure I could have worked for him. But he played hard, too, and I was there for that," Jagger said.

"I still get a lump in my throat whenever I think of him. He was a super guy."

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Edward Smolek

WINSLOW — Edward Larry "Snuffy" Smolek, 69, of Winslow and formerly of Churubusco died Friday, Aug. 17, 2007, at VNA Charlier Hospice Center in Evansville.

Mr. Smolek was a construction worker.

He was a member of Operating Engineers Local No. 103 for 52 years. He was a graduate of Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis.

He was born in Churubusco on Oct. 12, 1937, to George and Marjorie (Peffer) Smolek. He married Norma Thompson on Oct. 6, 1956. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jeri and Phil Worland of Brownsburg, and Carrie and Tim Nelson of Winslow; a son, Greg Smolek of Washington; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Deanna Magmuson of Albion; and three brothers, Ken Smolek of Albion, Rex Smolek of Iowa City, Iowa, and Jerry Smolek of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Richard Smolek.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the chapel at Gill Funeral Home in Washington, with the Rev. Scott Perry officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be at noon Saturday.

Memorials are to John and Betty Charlier Hospice Center in Evansville.

Thomas Lochner

NEW ALBANY — Thomas J. Lochner, 53, of New Albany and formerly of Auburn died Friday, Aug. 17, 2007, at his home.

He was a manager for 21 years in the airline division at the United Parcel Service in Louisville, Ky.

He was a member of Jacobs Chapel United Methodist Church in New Albany and Boy Scouts of America.

He is survived by his wife, Denise Hartman Lochner; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jacob and Angie Lochner of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Sean Lochner of New Albany; his father and mother-in-law, Glen and Ida Hartman; a brother-in-law and his wife, Tom and Jana Hartman; a sister-in-law and her husband, Teri and Bob Krafft; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Feller-Clark Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Kraft Funeral Service in New Albany, and from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Feller-Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, Boy Scout Troop 15 in New Albany or Hospice of Southern Indiana.

Helen Berkes

ANGOLA — Helen M. Berkes, 95, of Angola died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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The following obituary is being re-run to provide additional information.

Maurice Woodring

FREMONT — Maurice Woodring, 80, of Fremont and formerly of Auburn died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Woodring was retired from General Electric in Fort Wayne. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran.

He was born in Allen County on June 16, 1927, to Edward and Janet (Smith) Woodring. He married Patricia Harris on March 4, 1948, in Spencerville. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jack and Lana Woodring of Fremont and Gene Woodring of Auburn; three grandchildren and a spouse, Corrie and Elton Owsley of Waterloo, Keri Woodring of Countryside, Ill., and Ashley Woodring of Fremont; two great-grandchildren, Samantha and Spencer Owsley; a brother, Donald Woodring, of New Haven; and a sister, Marie Treesh, of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jerry Woodring.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Fremont Fire Department.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Herbert Brown Jr.

LAGRANGE — Herbert John Brown Jr., 53, of LaGrange died Friday, Aug. 17, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Brown worked at Doyle Surveying in LaGrange for many years. He also served in the U.S. Army.

He was a graduate of Fremont High School. He enjoyed country music and doing different things on the computer.

Mr. Brown was born in Angola on March 3, 1954, to Herbert J. and Martha E. (Miller) Brown Sr. His mother survives.

He also is survived by two sisters and brothers-in-law, Barbara and Paul Tatro of Fremont and Nancy and Robert Rice of Fremont; several nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Thursday at Jamestown Church in Fremont, with the Rev. Dale Gerig officiating. Burial is in Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont.

Memorials are to Jamestown Church or to the family.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Gary Hamilton

AUBURN — Gary W. Hamilton, 51, of Auburn and formerly of Kendallville died Friday, Aug. 17, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hamilton

He was born in Blue Moon, Ky., on Feb. 16, 1956, to Raymond and Elsie (Hunter) Ousley. His mother, of Kendallville, survives.

He also is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Billy and Terri Ousley of Morton, Ill.; and four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Garruetta Hamilton-Christian and Ron Christian of Corruna, Ruthene McDaniels of Kendallville, Mary Kay and Charles Rea of Kendallville and Phyllis and Shannon Terry of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Young Family Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Joel Stanley officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers are Cam Rea, Joshua Morse, Charles Rea, Ottis Hunter, Keith Cleveland and Travis Bolen. Honorary pallbearers include Justin Terry, Erik Terry, Brett Terry and Ron "Bub" Christian.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Former Indiana Sen. Allan Bloom dies

FORT WAYNE — Allan E. Bloom, 74, former president pro tempore of the Indiana Senate, died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at Parkview North Hospital.

He was an attorney in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his daughters and sons-in-law, Laura and Guy Shatto of Waterloo and Linda Bloom and Paul Sommer of New York.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne, with calling after 9:30 a.m.

Additional calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to First Wayne Street United Methodist Church.

Allen Fisher

AUBURN — Allen B. Fisher, 86, of Auburn died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mr. Fisher worked at Auburn Printing Co. for 23 years, then worked for Rieke Corp. for 12 years, retiring in 1986.

He was a lifetime member of American Legion Post 202 in Butler. He served in the U.S. Army for three years, two of them overseas.

He was a 1941 graduate of Butler High School. He enjoyed woodworking.

He was born June 12, 1921, in Butler to Olis G. and Hilda (Cook) Fisher. They preceded him in death.

He married Dorthy P. Schmidt on June 15, 1963, in Butler. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving is a brother, Robert Fisher of Dayton, Ohio.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Lloyd Bickel will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery with graveside military services by American Legion Post 202 of Butler.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn.

Regena Terrell

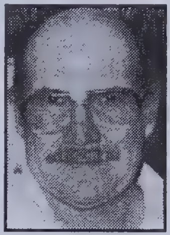
HOWE — Regena Terrell, 83, of Howe died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Among her survivors is her husband, Howard L. Terrell of Howe.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Earl McPherson

AUBURN — Earl McPherson, 70 of Auburn died Friday, Aug. 17, 2007, at his home, surrounded by his family and friends.


Mr. McPherson

Mr. McPherson worked at Auburn Foundry for 31 years, retiring in 1997. He was a member of union Local 322.

He was born April 18, 1937, in Hazard, Ky.

Surviving are his wife, Charlotte D. (Schreppel) McPherson of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Earl H. and Patricia McPherson of Fort Wayne and Roland C. and (Raine) McPherson of Auburn; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Marie E. and Jim Hutchinson of Fort Wayne, Rita K. Walker of Garland, Texas, and Loretta and Gordon McFavors of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Christopher C. McPherson of Auburn, Joseph W. McPherson of Pleasant Lake and Andrew W. McPherson of LaGrange; six sisters, Velma Dell'oro of North Haven, Conn., Missouri Lou of St. Joe, Imogene Schorey of Louisiana, Betty R. Baker of Auburn, Alice F. Klinger of Auburn and Ruby C. Baker of Hamilton; 20 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Charlotte McPherson; four brothers, John, Tommy, Billy and Pearl McPherson; and one sister, Sara Sue.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to SCAN and the PSP Foundation.

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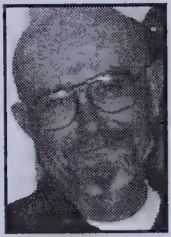
Herbert Brown Jr.

LAGRANGE — Herbert John Brown Jr., 53, of LaGrange died Friday, Aug. 17, 2007, at his home in LaGrange.


Mr. Brown

Mr. Brown worked at Doyle Surveying for many years. A graduate of Fremont High School, he served in the U.S. Army.

He enjoyed country music and doing different things on the computer.

He was born March 3, 1954, in Angola, to Herbert J. and Martha E. (Miller) Brown Sr. His mother survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Barbara and Paul Tatro, and Nancy and Robert Rice, all of Fremont; several nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Mr. Brown was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Thursday at Jamestown Church in Fremont with the Rev. Dale Gerig officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneral-home.com.

Helen Berkes

ANGOLA — Helen M. Berkes, 95, of Angola died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mrs. Berkes had been co-owner of the Angola Reduction Plant for 29 years before retiring in 1975.

She was a member of Angola United Methodist Church, Silver Lake Ladies Aide and was past Worthy Matron and member of the Kendallville Chapter of Eastern Star.

She was born Feb. 29, 1912, in Kendallville to James and Rose (Dreup) Evers. On June 18, 1933, she married Robert D. Berkes, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 25, 1998.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Roberta and Jim Fisher of Rolling Prairie; three grandchildren, Martha Lindsay of Windsor, Conn., Rob Fisher of LaPorte, and Jenny Fisher of Columbus, Ohio; and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Berkes also was preceded in death by four brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Lakeview Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Community Foundation.

THE NEWS SUN
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Ida 'Dolly' Cardosy

AVILLA — Ida "Dolly" Cardosy, 75, of Avilla and formerly of Fremont, Ohio, died at 5:45 a.m. Monday, Aug. 20, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where she had been a resident the past two years.

Mrs. Cardosy

Mrs. Cardosy had been a secretary for the Fremont Co. for a number of years. She was a 1949 graduate of Lake High School and had attended Elkhart Business School in Elkhart.

She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Cardosy enjoyed gardening, playing the piano, singing and loved spending time with her grandchildren. She had won several blue ribbons at the Sandusky County Fair for her pie-baking skills.

She was born Jan. 2, 1932, in Wood County to Edward and Ida (Rinker) Brossia. She married Jack Cardosy at Zoar Lutheran Church in Perrysburg, Ohio, on Sept. 12, 1953. He died in February 2004.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jennifer and Stephen Kramer of Kendallville and Jacilyn Cardosy Fisher and Van Fisher of Martin's Ferry, Ohio; three grandchildren, Jack Cardosy-Fisher, Max Cardosy-Kramer and Carl Cardosy-Kramer.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Mary Nelson and Fern Hunter; and three brothers, Charles Brossia, Robert Brossia and Edward Brossia.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Faith Lutheran Church in Fremont, Ohio, with Pastor Robert Young officiating. Burial will be in Lake Township Cemetery in Walbridge, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Herman-Kinn-Karlovetz Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Fremont and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Faith Lutheran Church or Provena Sacred Heart Home, 515 N. Main St., Avilla, IN 46710.

Online condolences are to www.hermankinn.com.

Bill Stangland

COLUMBIA CITY — Bill B. Stangland, 67, of Prescott Valley, Ariz., died Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2007, at Banner Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz., after an extended illness.

Mr. Stangland

He was born June 22, 1940, in Wolf Lake to Tallock A. and Mary Lois (Bryan) Stangland.

Mr. Stangland graduated from Wolf Lake High School where he excelled in basketball, baseball and track. He attended Western Michigan University, transferring to Florida State University on a baseball scholarship and graduating with a degree in accounting.

After completing his education, he continued to travel and live all over the world as the chief executive officer of many airlines. He was especially proud of his time with Tigers Airlines.

He was especially proud of his Norwegian heritage and traveled extensively throughout that country.

Mr. Stangland loved to fish and watch all sports on television, including NASCAR where he cheered Dale Earnhardt Sr. and Dale Earnhardt Jr. He had many passions in life, but none ever surpassed the love and pride he had for his daughter, Hayley. His love of flying was vicariously exhibited when he insisted she take flying lessons when she was 14.

Surviving are his daughter, Hayley Joanne Stangland of Eugene, Ore.; two stepchildren, Lisa Samsel and Dean Johnson, both of California; a stepgranddaughter, Mia; a sister, Johanna Petry of Walkerton; a brother, Tom Stangland of Santa Fe, N.M.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Paul Nye officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Shirley Ferguson

SPENCERVILLE — Shirley D. Ferguson, 55, of Spencerville died Monday, Aug. 20, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Ferguson

A lifetime DeKalb County resident, she was a nursing assistant at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne.

She was an avid NASCAR fan, especially of Dale Earnhart Jr. She also was an Elvis Presley fan and enjoyed playing bingo and watching wrestling.

She was born July 5, 1952, in Fort Wayne to Junior and Effie Mae (Turner) Combs.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Amy and Jeffrey Thrush of Garrett, Angie and Jack Clair of Auburn and Lisa Ferguson of Auburn; two sons, William Ferguson and his fiancee, Angel Timmerman, of Spencerville and James Ferguson of Kentucky; a brother, James Combs of Garrett; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Sue and Geral Richardson of Waynedale, Lois and Beauford Mullins of Avilla and Kathy Fugate of Garrett; 12 grandchildren, Bill Beverly of Garrett, Brandon Clair and Jackie Clair Jr., both of Auburn, Christina and Molly Clair of Auburn, Airriah Ferguson of Spencerville, Brianna Pommert of Waterloo, Alan and Austin Pommert of Kendallville, Desiree Pommert of Kendallville, Lillian Ferguson of Kentucky and Joshua Ferguson of Nashville, Tenn.; three stepgrandchildren, Nicholas Thrush of Fort Wayne, Scott Thrush of Garrett and Danielle Thrush of Kendallville; and a stepgreat-grandson, Ethan Michael Baker of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her father, a brother, Billy Combs, and a sister, Geraldine Combs.

Services will be Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Earl Rose Jr. officiating.

A graveside service will take place Saturday at 1 p.m. in Fairview Cemetery at Huntertown.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent and an online guestbook may be signed at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Charlotte Aubry

WEST LAFAYETTE — Charlotte A. Aubrey, 89, of West Lafayette died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007, at 12:10 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette.

She was born Sept. 5, 1917, in DeKalb County to the late Jay and Marie Lochner.

She previously lived in Auburn and graduated from Auburn High School and Purdue University.

He also had resided in Lima, Ohio, Logansport and Chandler, Ariz., before coming to the Lafayette and West Lafayette areas.

She was a teacher at South Whitley High School; a research chemist at Bowser Inc. in Fort Wayne, a secretary at Feng Inc. in Auburn; director of the Appleseed Ridge Girl Scout Council in Lima, Ohio; director at the Family YMCA in Logansport; and an assessor/county manager for the Northeast Area III Council on Aging.

She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Phi Mu fraternity, Alpha Lambda Delta, Kappa Delta Pi and the Altrussa Club.

Her hobbies were sewing, crossword puzzles, bowling, reading and watching sports on television. She enjoyed her family immensely.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Don Correll of West Lafayette; a sister, Phyllis Roop of Chandler, Ariz.; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Jack and Lorie Lochner of Tacoma, Wash., and Richard Lochner of Paradise, Mich.; two grandchildren, Ken and Kyle Clark; and four great-grandchildren, Ben, Adelle, Alexandra and Taylor Clark.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Donald Lochner.

A memorial service will be at a later date. SollerBaker Funeral Homes of Lafayette (www.soller-baker.com) is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to Grace Lutheran Church, 102 Buckingham Drive, Lafayette, IN 47909.

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Regena Terrell

HOWE — Regena Terrell, 83, of Howe died Sunday Aug. 19, 2007, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Terrell had moved to LaGrange County in 1970 from Chatham, Va.

Mrs. Terrell

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Terrell was a member of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes of Angola Presbyterian Mission in Action, an elder of the church and clerk of the session, a CASA volunteer, former secretary and board member of the LaGrange County Council on Aging, Patchwork Patterns Home Economic Club, Pals at Lima-Brighton School, AARP and a volunteer with the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Terrell was born Aug. 18, 1924, in Pine Hill, Ala., to Jesse B. and Frances A. (Nabors) Kelley. She married Howard L. Terrett on April 5, 1943, at the Craig Air Force Base in Selma, Ala. He survives in Howe.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law Deborah and Charles Perrin of Sturgis, Mich., and Rebecca E. Terrell of LaGrange; two sons and a daughter-in-law Royce W. and Donna Terrell of Erie, Pa., and Bruce W. Terrell of Ellensburg, Wash.; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Fonville Kelley of Sturgis, S.D., and Warren Kelley of Euphala, Ala.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Carl and Kenneth Kelley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe with the Rev. Thomas Smith officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes or LaGrange County Council in Aging.

Condolences are to www.-fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Kenneth Enzor

FORT WAYNE — Kenneth S. Enzor, 91, of Fort Wayne died Sunday morning, Aug. 19, 2007, surrounded by his loving family at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Enzor

Mr. Enzor was a restaurant owner in Indianapolis, Crawfordsville and Butler. He loved cooking for large gatherings and family celebrations and enjoyed seeing that others would enjoy themselves.

He kept busy working around the house, building, remodeling and improving everything of which he took ownership. He worked hand-in-hand with his wife, LaVerne, in all their endeavors. They were members for over 50 years of Grace St. John's United Church of Christ in Fort Wayne. He was also a 50-year member of the Summit City Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite the Mizpah Shrine and the Elks.

He was born Dec. 3, 1915, in Butler, the son of Sherman and Mary (Dickerhoof) Enzor.

He married LaVerne Williams on Feb. 6, 1941, in Indianapolis. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Jim Cunningham of Fort Wayne; two granddaughters and their husbands, Brenda and John Perkey of Warren, Ohio, and Tammy and Brian Baker of Fishers; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Grace St. John's United Church of Christ, 4120 Webster St., with calling one hour before the services. Pastors Julia Goodall, Richard Keeley and John Perkey will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to Grace St. John's United Church of Christ.

D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, is handling arrangements.

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Lawrence Kirkley

AUBURN — Lawrence R. Kirkley, 84, of Auburn and formerly of Griffith, died Friday, Aug. 17, 2007.

Mr. Kirkley was retired from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 697 with more than 40 years of service.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Laura and Emmett Gordon of Florida, Judy and Gary Fredrick of Griffith and Theresa and Dennis Romich of St. Joe; two sons and a daughter-in-law, James and Sharon Kirkley of Gary and John Kirkley of Schererville; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one sister and brother-in-law, Allene and James Gore of Pearson, Ga.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Arlene; a grandson, Mickey Gordon; and a great-granddaughter, Jessica Janusas.

Services were today at 11 a.m. at Kuiper Funeral Home, 9039 Kleinman Road, Highland, with Pastor John Napier officiating. Burial was in Chapel Lawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to Grace Baptist Church, 1800 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional family information.*

Thomas Lochner

NEW ALBANY — Thomas J. Lochner, 53, of New Albany died Friday, Aug. 17, 2007, at his home.

A native of Auburn, he was a manager for 21 years in the airline division of United Parcel Service in Louisville, Ky.

He was a member of Jacobs Chapel United Methodist Church in New Albany and Boy Scouts of America.

Surviving are his wife, Denise Hartman Lochner; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jacob and Angie Lochner of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Sean Lochner of New Albany; his father and mother-in-law, Glen and Ida Hartman; a brother-in-law and his wife, Tom and Jana Hartman; a sister-in-law and her husband, Teri and Bob Krafft; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Georgia Lochner, and a brother, Larry Lochner.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, Boy Scout Troop 15 in New Albany or Hospice of Southern Indiana.

Clamie Watkins

ORLAND — Clamie P. (Tudy) Watkins, 73, of Orland and formerly of Muncie, died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007, at Lakeland Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mrs. Watkins was a homemaker and formerly employed part-time with the Delaware County Health Center.

She was a member of the Orland Church of the Nazarene. She was a longtime resident of the Muncie-Selma area, and attended Muncie schools.

She was born to William and Martha (Wallace) White. Her husband, Gerald Watkins, preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sons, Gerald Watkins of Elkhart, and Terry Watkins of Orland; a daughter and son-in-law, Debra and the Rev. Roger Strong of Orland; and four grandchildren and one spouse, Christie and Kyle Neal, Michael Strong, Ashley Watkins and Amy Watkins.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Bennie Stapleton.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Parson Mortuary in Muncie, with the Rev. Richard Veach officiating. Burial will follow in Beech Grove Cemetery.

Calling will be two hours before services at the funeral home.

Condolences are to www.parsonmortuary.com.

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Services are Thursday for political leader Allan Bloom

FORT WAYNE — Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, 300 E. Wayne St., for prominent Fort Wayne attorney and political leader Allan E. Bloom.

Mr. Bloom

Mr. Bloom, 74, a lifelong Fort Wayne resident, and former president pro tempore of the Indiana Senate, died Saturday.

He was born Oct. 16, 1932, one of three sons to A. Everett and Velma Bloom. He was a graduate of South Side High School and Valparaiso University Law School. He married the former Norma Meyer in 1954; she survives.

He served as a Republican in the Indiana Legislature from 1960 to 1970, during which time he was elected Senate Minority Leader and Senate President Pro Tempore. He was the Republican nominee for Indiana's 4th District congressional seat in 1972. He lost the race to incumbent U.S. Rep. J. Edward Roush.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, Laura and Guy Shatto of Waterloo, and Linda Bloom and Paul Sommer of New York; one grandson, Jack Bloom Sommer of New York; and his brother, Louis Bloom of St. Augustine, Fla.; He was preceded in death by a brother, Bruce Bloom.

Calling is one hour before the funeral services and also from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to First Wayne Street United Methodist Church.

THE NEWS SUN
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August 22, 2007, Wednesday

Keith Clevenger

ORLAND — Keith J. Clevenger, 76, of Orland died Tuesday Aug. 21, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Clevenger

Mr. Clevenger served as an Indiana State Police officer from 1955 until his retirement in October 1975. He then worked as a probation officer for LaGrange County.

He moved to Orland in 1959 from Muncie.

Mr. Clevenger was a United States Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

He was a member of the Wall Lake Fisherman's Association, Meridian Sun Lodge No. 76 F&AM, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine, LaGrange County Shrine Club, and LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Mr. Clevenger was born on March 28, 1931, in Winchester to Paul and Idris (Woods) Clevenger. He married Barbara A. Clevenger in Muncie on Jan. 16, 1959. She preceded him in death on Oct. 30, 2004.

Surviving are two daughters, Vickie Petrie of Orland and Kathy Nelson of LaGrange; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Pauline Cates of Modoc; and three brothers, James and Max Clevenger, both of Losantville, and Donald Clevenger of Parker City.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Benji Butler, and a brother, Gordon Clevenger.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Mark A. Emelander officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland with a military service.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children or the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences to the family may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Sheldon Wohlers

BRONSON, Mich. — Sheldon Kirk Wohlers, 65, of Bronson, Mich., died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2007, at Chandler House in Kendallville.

Mr. Wohlers was a middle school teacher at Prairie Heights and at Lakeland, where he retired in 1998 after 28 years of teaching. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was a member of Pleasant Hill Missionary Church in Branch County, Mich.

He was born Oct. 17, 1941, in Coldwater, Mich., to Fredrick Kenneth and Frances Wilma (Sutton) Wohlers. Both preceded him in death. He married Margaret Klingler on Dec. 10, 1961. She died on Dec. 1, 2002.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Tracey Wohlers of Wolcottville; a daughter, Kimberly Wohlers of Battle Creek, Mich.; and two grandchildren, Landon and Lydia Wohlers.

He was also preceded in death by an infant daughter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Pleasant Hill Missionary Church in Branch County, Mich., with the Rev. Dale Walterhouse officiating. Burial will be in East Gilead Cemetery in Branch County.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Kambly Living Center in Battle Creek, Mich.

THE NEWS SUN
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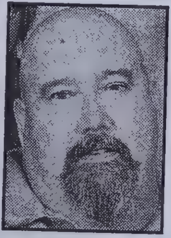
Kenneth Fuller

LAGRANGE — Kenneth R. Fuller, 59, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Fuller

Mr. Fuller was a retired cook and had lived most of his life in LaGrange County.

He had attended Howe United Methodist Church in Howe.

Mr. Fuller enjoyed his muscle cars and will be remembered as a gentle man.

He was born on Feb. 6, 1948, in Knott County, Ky., to Arey and Vedra Ann (Hall) Fuller. He married Miriam C. "Mim" Smith in Columbus, Ohio, on April 22, 1989. His wife, Miriam Smith, survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are his mother, Vedra Ann Sink of LaGrange; a son, Kevin S. Levens of LaGrange; a sister, Carol Conley of LaGrange; and a nephew, Jamie Conley of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arey Fuller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Mary McGawn officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

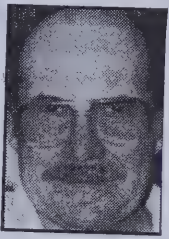
Memorials are to Howe United Methodist Church.

Condolences may sent online www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information about relatives.*

Earl McPherson

AUBURN — Earl McPherson, 70 of Auburn died Friday, Aug. 17, 2007, at his home, surrounded by his family and friends.


Mr. McPherson

Mr. McPherson worked at Auburn Foundry for 31 years, retiring in 1997. He was a member of union Local 322.

He was born April 18, 1937, in Hazard, Ky.

Surviving are his wife, Charlotte D. (Schreppel) McPherson of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Earl H. and Patricia McPherson of Fort Wayne and Roland C. and (Raine) McPherson of Auburn; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Marie E. and Jim (Hutchinson) Stephens of Fort Wayne, Rita K. Walker of Garland, Texas, and Loretta and Gordon McFavors of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Christopher C. McPherson of Auburn, Joseph W. McPherson of Pleasant Lake and Andrew W. McPherson of LaGrange; six sisters, Velma Dell'oro of North Haven, Conn., Missouri Lou of St. Joe, Imogene Schorey of Louisiana, Betty R. Baker of Auburn, Alice F. Klinger of Auburn and Ruby C. Baker of Hamilton; 20 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Amanda R. (Turner) and John J. McPherson; one daughter, Charlotte McPherson; four brothers, John, Tommy, Billy and Pearl McPherson; and one sister, Sara Sue.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be to day from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to SCAN and the PSP Foundation.

THE NEWS SUN
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Bruce Buda

CAMDEN TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Bruce Edward Buda, 57, of Camden Township, Mich., died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Buda was a retired police officer for the city of Charleston, S.C., and participated in security work through the city of Charleston. He also served six years in the U.S. Navy and retired as a sergeant in U.S. Army Reserve in Charleston.

He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Chapel in Clear Lake and loved to fish. He attended Edon Northwest Schools and graduated from Camden-Frontier in 1968.

He was born Feb. 7, 1950, in Angola to Clarence and Elizabeth (Contarchick) Buda. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives.

He is also survived by two sons, Brent Buda of Chesapeake, Va., and Michael Maurice of Charleston; and a brother, Keith Buda of Camden.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Paul Catholic Chapel in Clear Lake, with the Rev. Phil Schneider officiating. Burial will follow in Columbia Cemetery, Columbia, Ohio.

Calling will be today from 7-9 p.m. at the George White Funeral Home in Reading, Mich.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or St. Paul Catholic Chapel.

Christopher Cash

Mr. Cash

PENNVILLE — Christopher Cash, 39, of Pennville died at 10:10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 20, 2007, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mr. Cash was the former assistant manager of the Best Western in Angola.

He was a member of Plato Mennonite Church and attended the Church of the Brethren in Portland.

Mr. Cash had a degree in business management from Willmington College and an accounting degree from Ivy Tech.

He was a 1987 graduate of Jay County High School and had been a member of 4-H and the FFA.

Mr. Cash was a member of Pennville Masonic Lodge No. 212 F&AM.

He was an avid Jeff Gordon fan.

He was born June 12, 1968, in Wells County to Glen H. and Norma M. (Haffner) Cash. They survive in Pennville. He married Crystal Hicks on Oct. 14, 1995, in Plato. She survives in Pennville.

Also surviving are a son Jacob Cash of Pennville; a brother and sister-in-law, Doug and Cindy Cash of Pennville; a nephew; and three nieces.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Glancy Funeral Homes, Walker Chapel, 108 W. Windsor St., Montpelier, with the Rev. Kevin McLung and the Rev. Richard Martin officiating. Burial will be in Twin Hill I.O.O.F. Cemetery at Pennville.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Jacob Cash education fund.

THE NEWS SUN
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Starr Johanns

KIMMELL — Starr Faith Johanns, 70, of Kimmell died at 1:52 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20, 2007, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mrs. Johanns

Mrs. Johanns was a registered nurse and had worked at nursing homes and hospitals in Columbia City, Ligonier and Kendallville. She had served as director of nursing at Columbia City Nursing Home and Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, retiring in 1996.

She was born in Noble County and as a young woman her family moved to Whitley County.

Mrs. Johanns returned to school later in her life and graduated with the class of 1973 at Columbia City High School. She received her nursing degree on June 28, 1985, from Purdue University at Fort Wayne.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion where she was part of the Martha Circle and was a former member of the Women of the Moose.

Mrs. Johanns was an award-winning quilter and quilt designer. She also loved gardening and fishing.

She was born March 13, 1937, in Ari in Swan Township, Noble County, to Omar and Annabelle (Longsworth) Rosenogle. She married Virgil Mathias Johanns on April 10, 1982, in Columbia City by then-Mayor Robert Walker. Her husband survives in Kimmell.

Also surviving are seven children and their spouses, Patrick and Mary Schaper of Albion, Tina Elliott of Churubusco, Timothy and Angela Schaper of Kendallville, Robert and Stacey Schaper of Kimmell, and Lisa and Phil Richmond, Joni and Dave Smith, Shari and Brian Shively, all of Columbia City; a stepdaughter, Terressa Clark of Fort Wayne; a stepson, James Johanns of Dallas, Texas; 21 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Vern Lee Wilson of Albino.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant brother, Michael Rosenogle; and a grandson, Brad Schaper.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the Martha Circle of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

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Longtime ACD Festival, museum leader Del Mar Johnson dies at age 82

AUBURN — Del Mar D. Johnson, 82, of Auburn died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Johnson was the president of the Foley Pattern Co. in Auburn, retiring in 1986. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn.

He graduated from Auburn High School and served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946 in the Southwest Pacific.

He was executive director of Civil Defense from 1949 to 1953, president of the Auburn Jaycees in 1954, president of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce in 1958 and 1959, commander of American Legion Post 97 of Auburn in 1965, a member of the Auburn City Council from 1956 to 1964, a member of the Auburn Plan Commission from 1958 to 1972, president of the Auburn Plan Commission from 1961 to 1972, a member of the Auburn Board of Zoning Appeals from 1967 to 1972, president of Greenhurst Country Club in 1973, chairman and president of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival for 35 years from 1956 to 1991, a founding member and director of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum from 1972 to 1986, was inducted into the ACD Museum's Hall of Distinguished Service in 1986, was a founding member and director of the National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States (NATMUS), served as grand marshal of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival Parade of Classics in 2003 and was named a Sagamore of the Wabash in 2004.

Mr. Johnson

He was born April 27, 1925, in Auburn to Daniel and Josephine (Loftus) Johnson. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He married Doris E. (Wolf) Myers in March 1953, and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son, David Johnson of Auburn; a stepson, Max A. Myers of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Carolyn Myers of Springhill, Fla.; a brother, Donald D. Johnson of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, with graveside military services by American Legion Post 97.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church, the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival, the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum or NATMUS.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Edward Larry "Snuffy" Smolek, 69

WINSLOW, IN – Edward Larry "Snuffy" Smolek, 69 of Winslow, Indiana died Friday, August 17, 2007 at the VNA Charlier Hospice Center in Evansville.

Mr. Smolek was born in Churubusco, IN to George Smolek and Marjorie (Herron) Peffer. He was a graduate of Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis.

He married Norma Thompson on October 6, 1956.

Mr. Smolek worked as a construction worker and was a member of the Operating Engineers, Local Union 103 for 52 years.

Survivors include his wife, Norma; two daughters: Jeri (Phil) Worland, Brownsburg, IN and Carrie (Tim) Nelson, Winslow IN; 1 son: Greg Smolek, Winslow, IN; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. one sister: Deanna Magnuson, Albion, IN; three brothers: Ken Smolek, Albion, IN, Rex Smolek, Iowa City, IA and Jerry Smolek, Indianapolis, IN.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Richard Smolek.

Viewing will be one hour prior to the service which will be held at 1:00 p.m. on August 25, 2007 at the Gill Chapel. Scott Perry will be officiating.

There will be a private family interment at a later date.

Preferred memorials are to the John & Betty Charlier Hospice Center, 610 E Walnut St., Evansville, IN 47713.

Betty J. Arnold, 83

ROME CITY — Betty J. Arnold, 83, of Rome City died at 12:16 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Arnold was a lifetime area resident.

She had been employed by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville for many years and had worked at Fischer's Pharmacy in Kendallville.

Mrs. Arnold was a member of Brimfield United Methodist Church and American Legion Auxiliary Unit of Post 381 in Rome City where she was a past president.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and her dog, Sammy. She enjoyed living on Sylvan Lake and loved to cook.

She was born Nov. 15, 1923, in Stroh to Paul "Jake" and Dora May (Pierson) Rowlison. She married Homer Arnold on May 19, 1944, in Mountain Home, Idaho. He died May 21, 1979.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Sam and Myrna Arnold of Brimfield and Jack and Mary Arnold of Rome City; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Cora and Willis Tuttle of Auburn, Catherine Kaufman of Angola and Joan and Richard Huling of Mishawaka; a brother and sister-in-law, Jay and Donnabelle Rowlison of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Chad P. Arnold and Brice R. Arnold, both of Brimfield, Shelly VanGorder of Avilla, James Lee Arnold of Muncie and Jason Arnold of South Whitley; and 12 great-grandchildren, Alexander Arnold, Miranda Arnold, Jared Arnold, Audrey Grove, Derek Grove, Ricky Duty, Amanda Duty, Jake VanGorder, Jessica Arnold, Dylan Arnold, Trey Arnold and Haylee Arnold.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Donald Rowlison; and four sisters, Geraldine Leonhardt, Pauline Rowlison, Donna Jean Rowlison and Nancy Kay Rowlison.

Services were at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Omer Nisley of Brimfield United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers were Chad Arnold, Brice Arnold, James Arnold, Ricky Duty, David VanGorder and Jason Arnold.

Memorials are to Brimfield United Methodist Church, Rome City Fire Department, Brimfield Lions Club, Kidney Foundation or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Donna Jean Burns, 79

LIGONIER — Donna Jean Burns, 79, of Ligonier died at 1:57 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, 2007, at her residence.

She was a lifetime Ligonier area resident, and worked at Silgan Plastics for 20 years before retiring.

She was an artist, and loved to sew and garden. She was a member of West Noble American Legion Auxiliary, and a former member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Ligonier.

In Sparta Township, she was born to Earl and Edna (Leamaster) Butler on Feb. 26, 1928.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Joan Burns of Millersburg; two daughters and a son-in-law, Diana Burns of Ligonier, and Victoria and David Metz of Kingman, Ariz.; four sisters, Luella Weade of Kimmell, Velva Stroufe of Sebring, Fla., Louise Hill of Gainesville, Fla., and Roberta Peacock of Alford, Fla.; five grandsons; and two great-grandchildren.

Her parents, a son, George Burns, a brother, Lowell Butler, and a great-grandchild preceded her in death.

Services were at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Pastor Harlen Steffan officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospice.

Starr Faith Johanns, 70

KIMMELL — Starr Faith Johanns, age 70 of 8151 West Harbor Dr., Kimmell, IN died at 1:52 p.m. on Monday, August 20, 2007 at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City, IN. She was born in Ari, Swan Twp., Noble County, IN on March 13, 1937 to Omar O. and Annabelle (Longsworth) Rosenogle.

She was born and raised in Noble County and as a young woman moved to Thorncreek Twp. in Whitley County, IN. Since 1992 she has lived in Noble County. Later she returned to Columbia City High School and graduated with the Class of 1973. On June 28, 1985 she received her nursing degree from Purdue University in Fort Wayne, IN. She married Virgil Mathias Johanns in Columbia City, IN on April 10, 1982 by Mayor Robert Walker. She was a regisitered nurse and worked in local nursing homes and hospitals in Ligonier, Kendallville, and Columbia City, IN. She was the former Director of Nursing at Columbia City Nursing Home and Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, IN retiring in 1996. She was a former member of Columbia City Moose Lodge. She ia a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion, IN, where she also is a part of the Martha Circle. She was a quilter and quilt designer who won several awards for her quilts. She also loved gardening and fishing.

Survivors include her husband, Virgil M. Johanns of Kimmell; seven children, Patrick (Mary) Schaper of Albion, Tina Elliott of Churubusco, Lisa (Phil) Richmond of Columbia City, Timothy (Angela) Schaper of Kendallville, Robert (Stacey) Schaper of Kimmell; one stepdaughter, Terressa Clark of Fort Wayne, and one step-son, James Johanns of Dallas, TX; 21 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Linda (Vern Lee) Wilson of Albion. She is preceded in death by her parents and infant brother, Michael Rosenogle and one grandson, Brad Schaper.

Visitation is Thursday, August 23, 2007 from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Visitation will also be held on Friday, August 24, 2007 fter 10:00 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 706 North Orange St., Albion with funeral services following at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Don Barker officating. Burial will be at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, Noble County, IN.

Memorial bequest may be given in memory of Mrs. Johanns to the American Cancer Society or Trinity United Methodist Church's Martha Circle. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send family condolences, sign the register book or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoney-grimes.com.

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Shirley Ferguson, 55

SPENCERVILLE — Shirley D. Ferguson, 55, of Spencerville died Monday, Aug. 20, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

A lifetime DeKalb County resident, she was a nursing assistant at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne.

She was an avid NASCAR fan, especially of Dale Earnhart Jr. She also was an Elvis Presley fan and enjoyed playing bingo and watching wrestling.

She was born July 5, 1952, in Fort Wayne to Junior and Effie Mae (Turner) Combs.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Amy and Jeffrey Thrush of Garrett, Angie and Jack Clair of Auburn and Lisa Ferguson of Auburn; two sons, William Ferguson and his fiancee, Angel Timmerman, of Spencerville and James Ferguson of Kentucky; a brother, James Combs of Garrett; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Sue and Geral Richardson of Waynedale, Lois and Beauford Mullins of Avilla and Kathy Fugate of Garrett; 12 grandchildren, Bill Beverly of Garrett, Brandon Clair and Jackie Clair Jr., both of Auburn, Christina and Molly Clair of Auburn, Airriah Ferguson of Spencerville, Brianna Pommert of Waterloo, Alan and Austin Pommert of Kendallville, Desiree Pommert of Kendallville, Lillian Ferguson of Kentucky and Joshua Ferguson of Nashville, Tenn.; three stepgrandchildren, Nicholas Thrush of Fort Wayne, Scott Thrush of Garrett and Danielle Thrush of Kendallville; and a stepgreat-grandson, Ethan Michael Baker of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her father, a brother, Billy Combs, and a sister, Geraldine Combs.

Olive E. Skiles, 91

AVILLA — Olive E. Skiles, 91, of Avilla died at 5:05 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Skiles was a lifetime area resident.

She was a homemaker and had worked for 13 years for General Electric.

Mrs. Skiles enjoyed family gatherings, crocheting and was an avid card player.

She was born Dec. 4, 1915, in Allen County to Eugene and Nellie (Bottern) Bonjour. She married Ralph C. Skiles on Dec. 24, 1935, in Columbus, Ind. He died March 11, 2007.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Barb Skiles of Churubusco and Terry and Ginny Skiles of Avilla; a brother, Howard Bonjour of Montpelier, Ind.; five grandchildren and their spouses, Chad Skiles, Chet and Hilary Skiles, Beth and George Basar, Lisa and Scott Colberg and Karen Skiles; and three great-grandchildren, Ashleigh Skiles, Alyssa Skiles and Derrick Colberg.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Opal Tenney, Viola Dickerson and Doris Evans; and four brothers, Maurice, Louis, Virgil and James Bonjour.

Services were at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

A graveside service will take place Saturday at 1 p.m. in Fairview Cemetery at Huntertown.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent and an online guestbook may be signed at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Ida "Dolly" Cardosy, 75

AVILLA — Ida "Dolly" Cardosy, 75, of Avilla, formerly of Fremont, Ohio, died at 5:45 a.m. Monday, Aug. 20, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where she had been a resident the past two years.

Mrs. Cardosy had been a secretary for the Fremont Co. for a number of years. She was a 1949 graduate of Lake High School and had attended Elkhart Business School in Elkhart.

She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Cardosy enjoyed gardening, playing the piano, singing and loved spending time with her grandchildren. She had won several blue ribbons at the Sandusky County Fair for her pie-baking skills.

She was born Jan. 2, 1932, in Wood County to Edward and Ida (Rinker) Brossia. She married Jack Cardosy at Zoar Lutheran Church in Perrysburg, Ohio, on Sept. 12, 1953. He died in February 2004.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jennifer and Stephen Kramer of Kendallville and Jacilyn Cardosy Fisher and Van Fisher of Martin's Ferry, Ohio; three grandchildren, Jack Cardosy-Fisher, Max Cardosy-Kramer and Carl Cardosy-Kramer.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Mary Nelson and Fern Hunter; and three brothers, Charles Brossia, Robert Brossia and Edward Brossia.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Faith Lutheran Church in Fremont, Ohio, with Pastor Robert Young officiating. Burial will be in Lake Township Cemetery in Walbridge, Ohio.

Memorials are to Faith Lutheran Church or Provena Sacred Heart Home, 515 N. Main St., Avilla, IN 46710.

Online condolences are to www.hermankinn.com.

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Vivian Brand

KENDALLVILLE — Vivian Irene Brand, 86, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2007, at St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Brand

Mrs. Brand was employed early in her life at Flint & Walling in Kendallville, and later worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne and Courier Printing in Kendallville for 15 years.

She was a 1938 graduate of Salem Center High School.

Mrs. Brand was a member of First Christian Church in Kendallville.

She was born in DeKalb County on Dec. 20, 1920, to John and Ethel (Kahler) Schoup. She married George William Brand on Oct. 5, 1941, in Auburn. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Mary Ann Brand of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Katie, Nick and Jason Brand of Fort Wayne and Stacy Kean and her husband, Andrew, of Nashville, Tenn.; and a sister, Helen Strater of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, Roger Lee Brand; and a brother, Loyal Schoup.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Robert Farmer officiating. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Christian Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Esther Norton

PLEASANT LAKE — Esther Mary Norton, 90, of Pleasant Lake died at 8:27 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Norton was a homemaker.

A native of Avilla, Mrs. Norton had lived in Pleasant Lake since 1986.

She was a member of Adoration Chapel Association.

Mrs. Norton enjoyed making quilts and pies, cooking and gardening.

She was born Jan. 4, 1917, in Avilla to Frank and Eva (Bender) Fortman. She married Eston Norton on Nov. 30, 1939, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. He died Jan. 27, 1983.

Surviving are six sons and four daughters-in-law, Larry and June Norton of Tulsa, Okla., Eston and Betty Norton of Rainelle, W.Va., Gary Norton of New Milton, W.Va., Ronald Norton of Wamego, Kan., Richard and Debbie Norton of York, Pa., and Gale and Vickie Norton of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Brenda Norton of Pleasant Lake; a sister, Thelma Cass of Wolcottville; 22 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Harold and Ralph Fortman.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Babasino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in Reames and Norton's Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one-half hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Franciscan Mission Association, Mt. Vernon, N.Y. 10550.

Kenneth Potts

HARLAN — Kenneth W. Potts, 76, of Harlan died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2007, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Potts

Mr. Potts retired as a truck driver from CWC. He had also worked for Renners Express.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

A native of New Haven, he was born Oct. 11, 1930.

Surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Judy Potts of New Haven, Jack and Linda Potts of Harlan, Kenny C. and Tammy Potts of Fort Wayne, Robert Potts of Fort Wayne, and Samuel and Angie Gregg of Fort Wayne; five daughters and three sons-in-law, Vicky Doyle of Kendallville, Nita and Karl Grueb of New Haven, and Barbara Jo and Mike Potts, Tina and Brandon Brown and Bonnie Halsey, all of Harlan; a sister, Delores "Puddy" Beck of Leo; 31 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna J. Potts, and a daughter, Julie Potts.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to the family.

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Delmer Smith

GARRETT — Delmer O. Smith, 86, of Garrett died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2007, at 3:15 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith was a lifetime resident of Garrett. He was an engineer on the B&O Railroad for 44 years, retiring in 1985. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy with the Seabees as a water tender second class. He received the Presidential Unit Citation while attached to the 1st Division Marines of Okinawa and received special training in deep-sea diving.

He was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church and the Garrett post of the American Legion. He served as a volunteer for the Garrett Recycling Center, Meals on Wheels and Community Cares.

He was elected Garrett's Citizen of the Year in 2001.

He was born Nov. 28, 1920, in Garrett to Carl A. and Dora E. (Barrone) Smith.

He married Betty U. Miller on June 16, 1940, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Myron G. Smith of Fort Wayne, Timothy P. Smith of Snow Lake and David T. Smith of Harper's Ferry, W.Va.; three daughters, Brenda C. Viers of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Deborah L. Smith of Garrett and Del Marie Burchardt of Scappoose, Oregon; a sister, Cleo Talley of Garrett; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Ethel Ann Smith; a brother, Buford "Boots" Smith; three sisters, Dorothy Brandmo, Eunice Sherrick and Phyllis Hixson; and one grandchild.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Lakewood Park Baptist Church, 5555 C.R. 29, Auburn. Pastor Wayne Smith and Pastor Russell Howard will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with military graveside services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at Lakewood Park Baptist Church.

Memorials are to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Deacons' Fund of Lakewood Park Baptist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

To send a condolence or sign the online register book, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct and provide additional information.*

Nellie Foreman

MUSKEGON, Mich. — Nellie Leon "Bug" Foreman, 94, of Muskegon died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2007, in a Muskegon nursing home.

She was a former member of Sheridan Drive Baptist Church where she served as a Sunday school teacher for many years. She later became a member of Orchard View Congregational Church.

She enjoyed sewing, was a hard worker and an excellent cook. She also enjoyed rock hunting, finding money, bird watching and yodeling.

Mrs. Foreman will be remembered as a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother to her family.

She was born Sept. 27, 1912, to William and Laura Jane (Talburt) Ashcraft in Stroud, Okla. She married Alvie Everett Foreman in Seminole, Okla., on April 12, 1933. He preceded her in death on Sept. 18, 1970.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Betty M. Booher of Wolcottville and Patsy J. and Bob Halliwill of Charlotte, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Mac and Diane Foreman of Muskegon; a daughter-in-law and her spouse, Sue and Carl Steffen; 15 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; many great-great-grandchildren; two half sisters and their spouses, Lottie and John Inman, and Georgia Ann and Fred Smith, all of Depew, Okla.; a brother-in-law, Jim Foreman; two sisters-in-law, Goldie and Helen Steffen; numerous cousins; and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jack Leon Foreman; five sisters, Ruth Totts, Ruth Butterfield, Opal Irwin, Willie Ridenour and Jessie Meekins; two half sisters, Alma June and Loejean; her parents; a son-in-law, Charlie Booher; and a dear friend, Cliff Ketchum.

Services were Monday at Systema Chapel, Systema Funeral Homes Inc., 737 Apple Ave., Muskegon, Mich., with the Rev. Dr. Gerald J. Wahr officiating. Burial was in Sunrise Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the Evanston Avenue Baptist Church Building Fund.

Condolences are to www.systemafh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Lucille Beaty

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Lucille Beaty, 96, of Hillsdale and formerly of LaGrange died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2007, at Drews Place Village Green in Hillsdale.

Mrs. Beaty had taught in the Lakeland School Corp. until her retirement in 1976. She then became the corporation's truant officer. She had lived in the LaGrange community until 2000.

She was a member of the First Church of God in LaGrange and served as the church organist for more than 50 years. She started as the church's pianist at age 11.

She was born Jan. 13, 1911, in Emma to Levi and Alice (Yoder) Oesch. She married Raphael V. Beaty on Dec. 24, 1935, in LaGrange. He died Feb. 16, 1971.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Dorcas Stegelmann of Angola, and Madonna and Scott Hosler of Huntington; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry E. and Sue Ann Beaty of Costa Mesa, Calif., a sister, Violet Hollopeter of Angola; 10 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Max S. Beaty in 1949; and a foster sister, Dorothy Belshaw.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Church of God in LaGrange, with the Rev. Brian Van Osdol and Richard Cripe officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Hospice of Hillsdale County, 124 S. Howell St., Hillsdale, MI 49242.

Condolences may sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Andrew Miller

GOSHEN — Andrew S. Miller, 75, of Goshen died at 5:50 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Miller was a farmer, ran a portable saw business and worked at the Blue Gate Restaurant in Shipshewana.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born March 22, 1932, in Marshall County to Simon and Lizzie (Borkholder) Miller. He married Barbara Miller on March 24, 1955, in LaGrange County. She survives.

Also surviving are eight sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Ruth Ann Miller of Ligonier, Olen and Anna Mae Miller, Herman and Rosa Miller and Walter and Erma Miller, all of Goshen, Joseph and Rosetta Miller of Shipshewana, Freeman and Jo Ann Miller and LaVern and Lovina Miller, all of Middlebury, and Homer and Rebekah Miller of Plains, Mont.; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Freeman and Edna Miller of Topeka, John Henry Miller of Middlebury, Ervin and Margaret Miller of Goshen and Amos and Janet Miller of Shipshewana; a sister and brother-in-law, Pollyanna and Dan Bowman of Middlebury; 28 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Katie Marie Miller.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Galen Lambright residence, 3735 S. C.R. 1200W, Goshen, with Bishop Perry S. Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Southeast Clinton Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. Thursday and all day Friday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
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Roberta Reed

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Roberta (Steininger) Reed, 67, of San Diego, Calif., died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007.

The daughter of Emmett and Mabel "Peggy" Steininger, she was born and raised in Auburn.

She graduated from Auburn High School and Bethany Nazarene College in Oklahoma. She received a Master of Science degree in education from Central State University in Oklahoma.

She married Gerald Reed in 1963. The Reeds had planned to retire to a home they recently constructed in Auburn.

She taught business education classes at Putnam City High School in Oklahoma, Mid America Nazarene College in Olathe, Kan., and Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, Calif.

She became a travel agent and for more than 30 years planned travel experiences for herself and many others. As Point Loma Nazarene University began sending Love Works missions teams around the world, she made the travel arrangements.

Surviving are her parents, Emmett and Peggy Steininger; three sisters, Judy Johnson of Indianapolis, Betty Theel of Overland Park, Kan., and Barbara Hoff of Auburn; and a brother, Don, of Fort Wayne.

A memorial service was held Wednesday in San Diego. Burial will be near the Reeds' second home in Florissant, Colo., following a funeral service at Community Fellowship of Christians at Lake George, Colo.

Memorials are to Heart-to-Heart, Compassion International or Healing Waters and may be mailed to Community Fellowship of Christians, 39633 U.S. Highway 24, P.O. Box 524, Lake George, CO 80827.

Lester Bornick

MONTELLO, Wis. — Lester H. Bornick, 93, of Montello died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2007, at Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh.

Mr. Bornick had been a security guard at the Green Lake Conference Center and had worked at Fairwater Canning Co. and at Lakeside Farm Implement in Harrisville.

He had volunteered for 12 years delivering Meals on Wheels before retiring. He enjoyed bow hunting and was an avid reader.

Mr. Bornick served in the U.S. Army from June 6, 1941, to Oct. 6, 1945, during World War II. He received a European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre service medal, American Defense service medal and four overseas service bars.

Mr. Bornick was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Montello.

He was born on Dec. 24, 1913, in Marquette County to William and Lydia (Menzel) Bornick. He married Patricia Shirk on Dec. 5, 1964, at the Green Lake Conference Center. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, David Bornick of Montello; a sister and brother-in-law, Wilma and Harvey Rudolph of Montello; and a brother, Elmer Bornick of Montello.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Melvin.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Big Mecan) of Montello with the Rev. Paul Kolander officiating. Burial will be in Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
August 23, 2007, Thursday

Starr Johanns

KIMMELL — Starr Faith Johanns, 70, of Kimmell died at 1:52 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20, 2007, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mrs. Johanns

Mrs. Johanns was a registered nurse and had worked at nursing homes and hospitals in Columbia City, Ligonier and Kendallville. She had served as director of nursing at Columbia City Nursing Home and Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, retiring in 1996.

She was born in Noble County and as a young woman her family moved to Whitley County.

Mrs. Johanns returned to school later in her life and graduated with the class of 1973 at Columbia City High School. She received her nursing degree on June 28, 1985, from Purdue University at Fort Wayne.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion where she was part of the Martha Circle and was a former member of the Women of the Moose.

Mrs. Johanns was an award-winning quilter and quilt designer. She also loved gardening and fishing.

She was born March 13, 1937, in Ari in Swan Township, Noble County, to Omar and Annabelle (Longsworth) Rosenogle. She married Virgil Mathias Johanns on April 10, 1982, in Columbia City by then-Mayor Robert Walker. Her husband survives in Kimmell.

Also surviving are seven children and their spouses, Patrick and Mary Schaper of Albion, Tina Elliott of Churubusco, Timothy and Angela Schaper of Kendallville, Robert and Stacey Schaper of Kimmell, and Lisa and Phil Richmond, Joni and Dave Smith, Shari and Brian Shively, all of Columbia City; a stepdaughter, Terressa Clark of Fort Wayne; a stepson, James Johanns of Dallas, Texas; 21 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Vern Lee Wilson of Albino.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant brother, Michael Rosenogle; and a grandson, Brad Schaper.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today, Thursday, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the Martha Circle of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

Donna Burns

LIGONIER — Donna Jean Burns, 79, of Ligonier died at 1:57 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, 2007, at her residence.

She was a lifetime Ligonier area resident, and worked at Silgan Plastics for 20 years before retiring.

She was an artist, and loved to sew and garden. She was a member of West Noble American Legion Auxiliary, and a former member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Ligonier.

In Sparta Township, she was born to Earl and Edna (Leamaster) Butler on Feb. 26, 1928.

Mrs. Burns

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Joan Burns of Millersburg; two daughters and a son-in-law, Diana Burns of Ligonier, and Victoria and David Metz of Kingman, Ariz.; four sisters, Luella Weade of Kimmell, Velva Stroufe of Sebring, Fla., Louise Hill of Gainesville, Fla., and Roberta Peacock of Alford, Fla.; five grandsons; and two great-grandchildren.

Her parents, a son, George Burns, a brother, Lowell Butler, and a great-grandchild preceded her in death.

Services were Monday at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Pastor Harlen Steffan officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling was Sunday at the funeral home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospice.

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Darlene Matson

BLUE SPRINGS, Mo. — Darlene Ruth Matson, 70, of Blue Springs, Mo., formerly of Crooked Lake, died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2007, in Blue Springs.

Mrs. Matson was retired from Wal-Mart in Angola. She had also worked at Lepley's Steakhouse in Angola and McDonald's in Blue Springs.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Ashley, formerly of Pleasant Lake, the Angola Moose Auxiliary and bowled at Angola Bowl. She loved gardening her roses and traveling.

She was born Oct. 9, 1936, in Fremont to Betty Kelly. She survives in Lacy, Mich. She married Thomas Matson on May 19, 1962. He died Feb. 12, 2005.

She is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, David and Roxanne Matson of Corpus Christi, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Roy Murphy of Blue Springs; eight grandchildren; a brother, Bill Boner of Florida; and two sisters; Patsy DeCuipere and Mary Miller, both of Michigan.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Benjamin Keckler officiating. Burial will take place in Pleasant Lake Cemetery in Pleasant Lake.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday and an hour before services on Monday. There is no calling Sunday.

Memorials are to the Cameron Hospital Foundation and Cameron Cancer Center.

Blanche Williams

GARRETT — Blanche Williams, 92, of Garrett, died Thursday, Aug. 23, 2007, at 4:15 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mrs. Williams

Mrs. Williams was the former owner of Blanche's Carpet Shop in Garrett for 35 years. She had been retired for many years.

She was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and loved volunteer work as she ministered to seniors at Miller's Merry Manor for many years. She also enjoyed cooking, fishing, attending church and family gatherings.

She was a member of the Good Shepherd Fellowship Church in Garrett.

She was born Nov. 22, 1914, in Avilla, to Marshall L. and Mary Mae Belle (Conkle) Andrews. They preceded her in death.

She married Raymond P. Williams on April 2, 1931, in Auburn. He died Sept. 22, 1987.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Roxanne Williams of Auburn; eight grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ronald P. Williams, a brother, Claude Andrews, and two sisters, Ida Mae Slentz and Birdena Brandon.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Larry Williams officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Miller's Merry Manor Activities Department.

Condolences may be sent and an online register book may be signed at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Jeffrey Smith

LIGONIER — Jeffrey D. Smith, 46, of Ligonier died at 2:59 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith had been a current resident of Passages Group Home in Columbia City.

Mr. Smith

He was born April 14, 1961, in Goshen to Eldon and Connie (Cripe) Smith. They survive in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a sister, Julie Reed of Cromwell; and two brothers, Dave Smith of Ligonier and Tom Smith of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a stillborn brother, Gary.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Stones Hill Community Church, 151 W. Stones Hill Road, Ligonier, with Pastor Joey Nelson officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Passages Group Home.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

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Arthur Clark

SPEEDWAY — Arthur Summers Clark, 98, a longtime Methodist minister in the North Indiana Conference, died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007.

He was born in 1909 in Nashville, Tenn., and grew up in Alabama where his father, Jesse, was a Methodist minister. He moved to Indiana in 1932.

The Rev. Clark graduated from Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky., in 1930 and from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1932. His first ministerial appointment was in Philadelphia, Ind.

In 1934, he married Anne Sikes at her family home in Fort White, Fla., and they returned to serve churches throughout Indiana in Bluffton, Claypool, Hamilton, Etna Green, Wakarusa, Westfield, Monroeville and Fremont until his retirement in 1973.

During the early 1940s, they moved to Haverhill, Mass., while he pursued graduate studies at Boston University. During the 1950s and '60s, he led tours of people from Indiana churches to the United Nations to educate clergy and church lay leaders about the importance of the United Nations for world peace. After training at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, he served as a chaplain at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne from 1962-64.

As a strong advocate for migrant workers in northern Indiana, he supported efforts to bring social services to their camps.

The Clarks celebrated their 75th college reunion in 2005. They created The Summers and Anne Clark Scholarship Fund for Asbury College students. In addition, they donated a set of Schulmerich Handbells to establish the Charles Wesley Handbell Choir at Asbury College.

After retiring, they traveled extensively to all the continents except Antarctica. During some of these travels they visited mission schools and orphanages.

Mrs. Clark died in May.

Surviving are his four children and their spouses, Hazel Clark of Indianapolis, James Clark and Sharon Gordon of Syracuse, N.Y., Louis and Penny Bevis Clark of Washington, D.C., and Marcia Franz of Midland, Ontario, Canada; four granddaughters, Katie Clark Gray and her husband, Nicholas, Jessie Clark, Megan Clark and Lily Clark; a brother, James Clark of Johnson City, Tenn., and a sister, Esther Van Sycoc of Huber Heights, Ohio.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Calling will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Speedway United Methodist Church, 5065 W. 16th St., Indianapolis.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Taiama Secondary School at Speedway United Methodist Church, 5065 W. 16th St., Speedway, IN 46224, to provide scholarships for students in Sierra Leone.

Jerry Palumbo

FORT WAYNE — Jerry Lee Palumbo, known as "Gandalf Slick," died at 1:47 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2007.

As a young man he worked with his father in insurance at Franklin National Life. He was a scientist, artist, writer, poet and inventor. He was the president of Cable Access Inc. during its foundation.

Mr. Palumbo

He will be remembered as a cherished husband, beloved father and adored grandfather.

He and his wife, Karen Sue, were married 30 years.

Surviving are his children and their spouses, Misty and Richard Davis, Osiris Palumbo, and Issac and Sara Palumbo; three grandchildren, Emily Davis, Elizabeth and Malachi Palumbo; four sisters, Linda Reynolds, Laurie McArdle, Kim Palumbo and Tammy Miller; amd numerous family members and friends.

A service will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with Steve McAfee officiating.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Inner Light Ministries or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Elmer Miller

HOWE — Elmer A. Miller, 87, of Howe died Thursday, Aug. 23, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller had lived in Indiana since 1947 when he moved here from Arthur, Ill., and then settled in Howe in 1955.

He was a farmer and a member of Marion Mennonite Church, rural Shipshewana.

He served in the Civilian Public Service from 1942-1946.

He was born on Sept. 30, 1919, in Arthur to Ammon B. and Mattie M. (Miller) Miller.

He married Nona Kauffman in Middlebury on June 20, 1948. She survives in Howe.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Rebecca "Becky" and Byron Yoder of Goshen, Roberta A. Miller and Martha and Jerry Yoder, all of LaGrange, and Miriam "Mim" and Mike Hoover of Millersburg; and four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jonas and Fannie Miller of Hindsboro, Ill., Benjamin and Alma, Eli and Daniel Miller, all of Arthur.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Lizzie Ann Bontrager, and two brothers, Alvin and Sammie Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Marion Mennonite Church, rural Shipshewana, with Pastors Ron and Char Roth officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Cecelia Tomlin

PEORIA, Ill. — Cecelia Ann Tomlin, 98, a life-long resident of Peoria, died at 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, 2007, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center Emergency Room.

Mrs. Tomlin

Mrs. Tomlin was employed at the Peoria County Courthouse in the Recorder of Deeds Office and remained active after retirement.

She was a member of St. Bernard Catholic Church and its Mother's Club, Church Women United, Daughters of Isabella, Catholic Women's League, Girl Scouts, RSVP and OSF St. Francis Auxiliary.

She was born on Feb. 24, 1909, in Peoria to James R. and Lizetta Herweg Gallagher.

She married Howard W. Tomlin on Aug. 23, 1931, in Peoria. He died Jan. 1, 1972, in Peoria.

Surviving are one daughter, Patsy A. Frasco of Peoria; one son, Ralph J. (Georgeann) Tomlin of Orland; five granddaughters; four grandsons; 14 great grandchildren; and seven great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two great grandchildren, nine sisters and four brothers.

A funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Bernard Church with the Rev. Brian Brownsey officiating. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m. Sunday at Wright and Salmon Mortuary, where recitation of the rosary will be at 5:45 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Bernard Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.wrightandsalmon.com

Margaret Christensen

PFAFFTOWN, N.C. — Margaret Vickery Christensen, 74, of Pfafftown died Friday, Aug. 24, 2007, at Forsyth Medical Center, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Mrs. Christensen was a charter member of United Baptist Church in Rural Hall, N.C.

She was born Nov. 4, 1932, to Frank and Millie (Marcus) Vickery. Her mother survives.

She married Carl "Chris" Christensen in 1954. He survives in Pfafftown.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rodney and Lee Christensen of Winston-Salem; two grandchildren, Benjamin and Chloe, of Winston-Salem; a sister, Ruth Hicks of Waynesville, N.C.; a brother, Larry Vickery of Raleigh, N.C.; and many other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Mulkey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at United Baptist Church with the Rev. William Watson officiating. Burial will be in Forsyth Memorial Park in Winston-Salem.

Calling will be from 7-9 p.m. Sunday at Hayworth-Miller Rural Hall Chapel.

Memorials are to United Baptist Church.

Arrangements by Hayworth-Miller Funeral Home Inc., 4140 Clemmons Road, Clemmons, N.C.

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Mose Shrock Jr.

TOPEKA — Mose Shrock Jr., 81, of Topeka died at 2:55 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Schrock

He was owner and operator of a gravel pit and cement business.

He volunteered on the Topeka Volunteer Fire Department for over 30 years.

Mr. Shrock was a member of Emma Mennonite Church in Emma.

He was sports fan and avid follower of the Cleveland Indians. He played fast-pitch softball and was a bowler.

He wintered in Sarasota, Fla., many years and attended Bayshore Mennonite Church while in Florida.

He was born on Nov. 11, 1925, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Mose and Amanda (Miller) Shrock.

He married Mary Etta Mishler on Nov. 3, 1952, in Emma Church, Emma. She died April 13, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lorene and Greg Schrock of Topeka; three sons and two daughters-in-law, LaMar and Lisa Shrock and LaVon Shrock, all of Topeka, and Leon and Michelle Shrock of Wolcottville; two grandchildren, Andrea and Austin Shrock; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Clara and Edward Miller of Middlebury and Martha Lengacher of Hicksville, Ohio; and a brother and sister-in-law, Sherman and Louise Shrock of Topeka.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Elizabeth Ann Beachy, Della Miller and infant Amanda Shrock, and a brother Owen Shrock.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Emma Mennonite Church with the Rev. Gene Hartman of the church and son-in-law Greg Schrock officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, U.S. 20, east of Shipshewana.

Pallbearers will be Lorene and Greg Schrock and LaMar, Leon, LaVon and Austin Shrock.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on both Sunday and Monday at Emma Mennonite Church, Emma.

Minnie Bontrager

GOSHEN — Minnie L. Bontrager, 29, of Goshen died at 3:42 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, 2007, as the result of a motorcycle/-auto accident at the intersection of S.R. 4 and C.R. 37, Goshen.

Mrs. Bontrager

Mrs. Bontrager was employed at Forest River RV, Millersburg as a group leader in final finish.

She was a very vibrant person and loved riding motorcycles and vacationing.

She was born on Jan. 29, 1978, in Bremen to Lavern and Carolyn (Bontrager) Miller. Her mother survives in Millersburg and her father survives in Shipshewana.

She married Norman Bontrager in Middlebury on Aug. 5, 2000. He survives in Millersburg.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Doris and Moses Yoder of Millersburg; four brothers and a sister-in-law, Kenny and Polly Mae Miller of Shipshewana, and Joseph Miller, Jerold Miller and Lyle Miller, all of Millersburg; and a grandmother, Ann Miller of Milford.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Maple City Chapel, 2015 Lincolnway East, Goshen, with the Rev. Mel Shetler of Maple City Chapel officiating.

Pallbearers will be Howard Lehman, Ben Hershberger, Bob Miller, Gary Bontrager, Merl Bontrager and Vern Mast.

Burial will be in Clinton Union Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today and 1-7 p.m. Sunday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Memorials are to Ryan's Place.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Edna Troyer

TOPEKA — Edna L. Troyer, 82, of Topeka died at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Troyer had moved to Topeka from Kansas when she was 11.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born July 21, 1925, in Sumner County, Kan., to Levi and Gertrude Yoder. She married Orla Troyer on Nov. 25, 1943. He died Dec. 1, 2004.

Surviving are seven daughters and six sons-in-law, Irene and Mel Mullet and Gertie Troyer, all of Topeka, Mary and Freeman Bontrager and Amanda and Samuel Yoder, all of LaGrange, Polly and Everett Yoder of Bell Center, Ohio, Fannie and Philip Wagler of Fremont, Mich., and Edna and David Schlabaugh Jr. of Clare, Mich.; five sons and daughters-in-law, Glenn and Vera Troyer and Howard and Barb Troyer, all of Ligonier, Leroy and Anna Marie Troyer of LaGrange, Maynard and Vera Troyer of Topeka and Floyd and Mary Troyer of Chouteau, Okla.; three sisters, Gertie Christner of Wolcottville and Sara Miller and Mary Miller, both of Goshen; an uncle, David Yoder of Plain City, Ohio; 64 grandchildren; 20 stepgrandchildren; 143 great-grandchildren; and 43 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three infant sons, Wilber, Orla Jr. and Freeman Yoder; two sisters, Polly Mast and Anna Troyer; and two sons-in-law, Abner Stoll and Enos Eicher.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Maynard Troyer residence, 7095 W. C.R. 650S, Topeka, with Bishop Ernest Bontrager officiating. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery at Topeka.

Calling after 2 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the Maynard Troyer residence.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

Kingston Hood

KENDALLVILLE — Kingston L. Hood, 94, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Aug. 23, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Hood was a mounted patrolman with the Philadelphia, Pa., Police Department. He enjoyed and taught horseback riding.

He was born in Philadelphia.

Surviving are his wife, Suzanne Koontz Hood of Roanoke; a stepson and stepdaugther-in-law, Jeffrey M. and LeAnn Perry of Albion; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Jana P. and Val Eylands of Roatan, Honduras, and Pam Stengel of Las Vegas, Nev.; three grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kingston Hood Jr.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Calling will be at 1 p.m. Monday, one hour prior to the funeral service.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill nursing home or Asbury United Methodist Church Choir.

Arrangements by D.O. McComb and Sons Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

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Mabel Whitford

KENDALLVILLE — Mabel Whitford, 76, of Kendallville died Friday, Aug. 24, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Whitford

Mrs. Whitford was employed at Kraft Foods in her earlier years. After raising her children, she went back to work and retired from Eaton Controls in Kendallville in 1995 after 20 years. Mabel also worked part-time at McDonald's after retirement.

She was a member of First Church of God in Kendallville and enjoyed Western square dancing. She and Virgil belonged to the Western Wheels in Kendallville.

Mrs. Whitford was born in rural Wolcottville on Dec. 30, 1930, to Roscoe and Rosa (Smith) Baker.

She graduated from Wolcottville High School in 1948 and married Virgil LeRoy Whitford on Dec. 30, 1950, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Patrick Arnold of Kendallville; a son, Steve Whitford of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Elisha, Erica and Erin Arnold, all of Kendallville, and Paul Whitford of Kendallville; and a sister and brother-in-law, Marty and Al Pyle of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings Bertha Strayer, Harvey Baker, Paul Baker and Bobbie Baker.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Robert Neace officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Church of God Building Fund.

View a video tribute after Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ferne Maxson

ANGOLA — Ferne Ruth Maxson, 93, of Angola, formerly of Fremont, died Friday, Aug. 24, 2007, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Maxson was a homemaker. She enjoyed reading and her cats.

She was born Sept. 11, 1913, to Ross and Josephine (Miller) Gripman in Quincy, Mich.

She married James M. Maxson. He died March 24, 1976.

Surviving are a half-sister, Juanita Shaffer of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Mildred Gripman of Montgomery, Mich.; and a good friend, Norma Hammel of Angola.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Gripman.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Fremont Cemetery, Fremont. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Northern Lakes Nursing Center, Angola.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral home of Fremont.

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An officer and a model dad

Keith Clevenger served with Indiana State Police for 20 years

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Keith Clevenger served with the Indiana State Police for 20 years before retiring.

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ORLAND — Keith Clevenger's daughters say they'll remember their father for how he treated people.

A 20 year-veteran of the Indiana State Police, who also worked as a probation officer in LaGrange County, Clevenger, 76, died Tuesday in Fort Wayne.

"He wasn't like a lot of officers who think they're tough guys. Dad was always ready to help the people he stopped on the road. The same was true when he joined the probation department," daughter Kathy Nelson of LaGrange said.

Daughter Vickie Petrie added, "He tried to help people get back to the right path."

Clevenger first patrolled out of Ligonier, then worked the Indiana Toll Road. A number of letters written by some of the people he helped on the way to Cleveland, Chicago and points beyond painted the picture of a friendly man who went out of his way to help people in a bad position.

After several years on patrol, Clevenger began working as a state police detective. He worked the Ferguson murder case in Fremont, and a personal letter from then-DeKalb County prosecutor H. Charles Winans attested to his work in apprehending suspects who had firebombed Winans' home in 1971, saying Clevenger had acted "above and beyond the call of duty."

"Never before have I witnessed police officers working so efficiently and cooperatively with other officers," Winans wrote.

Clevenger also received four citations for meritorious service as a gunner in Korea as a member of the 13th Bomb Squadron, "The Grim Reapers."

Clevenger, his daughters said, also distinguished himself as a family man.

"He adopted us girls when he and Mom (Barbara Clevenger) got married," Nelson said. "We were 5 and 6, and he was the only father we've ever known. His whole family has always treated us like family. An old friend of his said when he saw us with him for the first time, he knew everything would be all right."

The daughters said Clevenger wouldn't let them get away with anything, because he didn't want to put himself in an awkward position.

"He used to tell us, 'If you get put in jail, you stay in jail,'" Nelson said. "We walked the line pretty good."

Petrie said her father was even afraid to go to her wedding reception, because he worried there would be underage drinking going on.

The Clevengers were "like two peas in a pod," Petrie said. "My dad would do anything for my mother." Nelson said his care extended even in darker times.

"When Mom was dying (she passed away in 2004), dad took care of her with such loving kindness, it was unbelievable," Nelson said.

Petrie said she had moved in with her father when his health began to deteriorate, but then developed cancer herself.

"When I got my cancer, dad continued to treat me just as he'd treated Mom. He treated me like gold," she said.

Both daughters remarked that Clevenger was a well respected man in both counties where he worked, but was a very quiet man who didn't like to toot his own horn.

"I think servicing his community was very important to him," Petrie said.

In 1975, the year he retired from the state police, Clevenger was awarded the Louis Smith Outstanding Police Officer award from Orland American Legion Post 423.

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Margaret Christensen

PFAFFTOWN, N.C. — Margaret (Vickery) Christensen, 74, of Pfafftown, N.C., died Friday, Aug. 24, 2007 at Forsyth Medical Center.

Mrs. Christensen was a charter member of United Baptist Church. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who will be missed greatly.

She was born Nov. 4, 1932, the daughter of Frank Vickery and Millie (Marcus) Vickery.

Surviving are her mother, Millie Vickery of Waynesville, N.C.; her husband of 53 years, Carl "Chris" Christensen of Pfafftown, N.C.; a son and daughter-in-law, Rodney and Lee Christensen of Winston-Salem, N.C.; a sister, Ruth Hicks of Waynesville, N.C.; a brother, Larry Vickery of Raleigh, N.C. and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father and a sister, Barbara Mulkey.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at United Baptist Church with the Rev. William Watson officiating. Burial will be at Forsyth Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 7-9 p.m. today at Hayworth-Miller Rural Hall Chapel, Rural Hall, N.C.

Memorials may be made to United Baptist Church, 5815 Murray Road, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27106.

Lena Hochstetler

LAGRANGE — Lena Mae Hochstetler was stillborn Friday, Aug. 24, 2007, at 11:10 a.m. at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

She was the daughter of John and LeAnna Hochstetler, who survive in LaGrange.

Also surviving are one sister, Rhoda Hochstetler of LaGrange; grandparents Melvin and Lena Hochstetler of Howe and Eli and Fannie Mae Hochstetler of LaGrange; and great-grandparents Eli and Mattie Hochstetler of Shipshewana, Willis and Katie Hochstetler of LaGrange and Amos and Clara Miller of Topeka.

Graveside services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Oak Hill Cemetery in LaGrange, with Levi Raber and Home Ministry officiating.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home of LaGrange is handling arrangements.

Nettie Goings

AUBURN — Nettie B. Goings, 59, died Saturday morning, Aug. 25, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A 1966 graduate of Waterloo High School, she received an animal control degree in 1990 from the Humane Society of the United States in Bowling Green, Ohio. In 1992, she received a cruelty investigation degree from the University of Columbia in Columbia, Mo. She was the first animal control officer of DeKalb County for the animal shelter. She also had served the shelter as manager, vice president, treasurer and secretary.

Mrs. Goings loved her family and friends, pets, reading, playing cards and antique tractor pulls. She was a member of New Hope Christian Center.

She was born in Auburn on Oct. 11, 1947, to Donald C. and Irene L. (Weinhold) Osbun. They both preceded her in death.

She married Dale Goings in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ on Oct. 2, 1966. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert "Bob" and Patti Goings of Kendallvile; two grandchildren, Nathan and Taylar Goings of Kendallville; and a brother and sister-in-law, Donald L. "Abe" and Linda Osbun of Dunn, N.C.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl and the Rev. Don Ruhl officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shop with a Cop Program or New Hope Christian Center.

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John Eyster

ANGOLA — John Darwin Eyster, 80, of Angola died Friday, Aug. 24, 2007, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Eyster worked on road construction for a number of years before starting Eyster Excavating in Angola and operating it for 21 years.

He was a master mechanic for Codell Construction for 20 years. He was known as an excellent diesel mechanic.

Mr. Eyster served in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army during World War II.

He was born June 19, 1927, near Metz in Steuben County, the son of Isaac and Elsie (Harbaugh) Eyster. They preceded him in death.

Mr. Eyster married Helen (Holiday) Eyster of Angola on Sept. 17, 1955. She died Oct. 14, 1990.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Danny and Karen Eyster, Dennis Eyster and Randy and Cheryl Eyster, all of Angola; one brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Connie Eyster of Albuquerque, N.M.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Aileen and DeVon Shumaker of Angola and Shirley and Donnell Willibey of Hamilton; five grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, four stepgreat-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mr. Eyster also was preceded in death by his older brother, Donald Eyster in 1984.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola with Pastor Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be at Flint Cemetery with a military graveside service by the Angola American Legion Post 31.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Mildred Coy

NEY, Ohio — Mildred E. Coy, 94, died Saturday Aug. 25, 2007, at Harborside Healthcare in Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Coy was a 1930 graduate of Edgerton High School and graduated from the Springfield General Hospital as a registered nurse.

She was employed at Defiance, Bryan and Hicksville hospitals in Ohio throughout her career and retired from DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn,

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Hicksville, Ohio, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3360 in Defiance, Ohio.

She was born July 30, 1913, to David and Emma (Gumbert) Gaston in Paulding County, Ohio.

She marred Paul S. Coy on Nov. 25, 1939. He died in 1978.

Surviving are two daughters: Christine Coy of Cleveland and Ann Coy of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sons, Paul Milo of Defiance and Frank of Ney; five grandchildren: Lora Brown, Tamara Smith, Alisa Coy, Andrew and Milo Coy; three stepgrandchildren: Jennifer Lambert and Mark and Michael Burkhart; 13 great-grandchildren and a sister, Marie Swanson.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, George, Walter, Wayne and Gerald, and a sister, Clara Corcoran.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Hicksville. The Rev. Daniel Fugate will officiate.

Calling will be Monday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville.

Burial will be at Farmer Cemetery in Farmer, Ohio.

THE NEWS SUN
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August 26, 2007, Sunday

Marie Casebere

EDGERTON, Ohio — Marie R. Casebere, 89, of rural Edgerton, Ohio, died Friday, Aug. 24, 2007, at 4:32 p.m. at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler, where she was resident for the past three years.

Mrs. Casebere was a nurses' aide and worked at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 15 years until her retirement.

She formerly had worked at Syncro in both Hicksville and Edgerton in Ohio and at Crane-Edmund in Butler.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Hicksville, Ohio, and Pythian Sisters and Priscilla Club in Edgerton, Ohio.

She was born Aug. 30, 1917, in Hicksville, Ohio, the daughter of Ira and Oma (Rex) Lantz.

She married Owen Hastings Casebere in November 1940. He died March 17, 1974.

Surviving are one son, Larry Casebere of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Bernard Shafer of Butler; a stepdaughter and her spouse, Pat Day and Nile Lavon of Bryan, Ohio; six grandchildren and their spouses, Peter, Philip and Stacy Casebere, Tamara and Felix Melchor, Lisa Nelson and Dawn and Jared Olson; two stepgrandchildren and their spouses, Lee and Jodie Day and Dean and Rosie Day; six great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mary Minnig of Hicksville, Ohio.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Ruth Gerlock, Helen Maloney and Frieda Lantz, and three brothers, Roy, Harry and Elmer Lantz.

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edgerton, Ohio, with the Rev. Daniel Fugate officiating. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Edgerton Senior Center or the Friends of the Edgerton Library.

Condolences may sent to and an online register may be signed at the Web site www.krillfuneralservice.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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August 27, 2007, Monday

Hattie Deckman

SHOREWOOD, Ill. — Hattie Caroline Deckman, 90, of Shorewood Ill., formerly of Perrysburg, Ohio, and Wall Lake, died Thursday at her daughter's home in Shorewood.

Ms. Deckman

Ms. Deckman was a retired elementary school teacher, retiring from the Toledo, Ohio, school system after teaching at the Harvard school for over 25 years.

She graduated with a bachelor's degree from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1938 and a classical studies degree from Bowling Green State University in 1947. She was a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority, Owls of Miami, State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio, American Association of University Women, American Federation of Teachers, and Toledo Teachers Federation. She was a 50-year member of Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 20 in Perrysburg. A longtime member of First Presbyterian Church of Perrysburg, she led Sunday School classes for 20 years. In recent years she was an associate member of Orland United Methodist Church and a member of the Methodist Women's Association. She grew up in Perrysburg and was a lifetime summer resident of Wall Lake. She spent her winters in Tavares, Fla., and most recently lived in Glenview, Ill., and Shorewood.

She was born July 29, 1917, in Perrysburg to Hubbell and Martha (Ritter) Fuller. Both preceded her in death.

She is survived by a daughter, Caroline Kent of Shorewood; a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Gretchen Deckman of Port Orange, Fla.; a grandson and his spouse, John and Tracy Dent of Lockport, Ill., a brother and sister-in-law, Lee Robinson and Margie Fuller of Port Charlotte, Fla.; one niece; and two nephews.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Orland United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to Joliet Area Community Hospice in Joliet, Ill., or Orland United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Florence Garvin

LIGONIER — Florence S. Garvin, 99, of rural Ligonier died at 7:15 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007, at her daughter's home in rural Ligonier.

Mrs. Garvin had been in declining health for the past two weeks.

Funeral arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Patricia Bock

GARRETT — Patricia Freeman Drerup Bock, 61, of Garrett died at 3:20 a.m. today, Aug. 27, 2007, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending at David Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Herbert Bickley Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Herbert V. Bickley Jr., 76, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Kendallville died Saturday, Aug. 25, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Bickely had retired in 1991 after serving 27 years as a carrier for the U.S. Postal Service.

He was born in Kendallville to Herbert Sr. and Goldie Bickley. They are deceased.

Mr. Bickley was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville.

He was also a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Surviving are a daughter, Brenda Payton of Garrett; a son, John Bickley Sr. of Butler; two sisters, June Likes and Juanita Braden; and grandchildren, Ben and Daniel Payton and John Jr. and Micah Bickley.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Bickley.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery with military graveside services by the U.S. Army.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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August 28, 2007, Tuesday

Florence Garvin

LIGONIER — Florence S. Garvin, 99, of Ligonier died at 7:15 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007, at the Ligonier home of her daughter, Dorothy Bish.

Mrs. Garvin

Mrs. Garvin had lived in the Ligonier area since 1947. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Garvin was a dedicated 60-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She originally was a member of Ligonier Chapter 325 and then joined Albion Prentiss Chapter 178.

She was also a member of the Perry Township Home Extension Club and the Happy Eight Canasta Club.

She was born Aug. 12, 1908, in Tippecanoe County to Samuel W. and Anna E. (Duffy) Westfall. They are deceased. She married George Garvin on April 10, 1934, in Lafayette. He died Jan. 28, 1999.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Carole and Harvey Bewley of Goshen, Dorothy and Robert Bish of Ligonier and M. Susan and Don Thuillard of Avilla; 16 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, John "Jack" Garvin in December 2005; two brothers; and a sister.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Friday at Ligonier United Methodist Church, 466 Townline Road, Ligonier, with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Cremation will follow.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the church with an Eastern Star service at 7:30 p.m. by Albion Prentiss Chapter 178.

Memorials are to Ligonier United Methodist Church, Noble House or Prentiss Chapter 178 Order of the Eastern Star.

J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Patricia Bock

GARRETT — Patricia Freeman Drerup Bock, 61, of Garrett died Monday, Aug. 27, 2007, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bock

Mrs. Bock had worked for 23 years at County Line Cheese Co. at Auburn and had been a real estate agent for Oberlin Real Estate in Hamilton and Kimmel Realty in Avilla until 2006.

She was a 1964 graduate of Garrett High School.

She was born July 20, 1946, in Garrett to Melvin C. and Veda M. (Baysinger) Freeman. Her father died in December 1957 and her mother, Veda Freeman Bellows, survives near Avilla.

Also surviving are her companion, Bob Leas of Columbia City; two sons, Brian Bock of Garrett and Adam Bock of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Dina and Scott Teders of Avilla; a sister and brother-in-law, Janice and Lee Christlieb of Avilla; six grandchildren, Brennen Teders, Aubrey Teders, Jared Teders, Haley Bock, Aarian Bock and Breanna Bock; and nieces and nephews, Joni and Matt Blomeke and Daren and Kim Christlieb.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m.. Wednesday at David Funeral Home, 1292 Drake Road, Kendallville. Cremation will follow.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Embrey Cemetery near Garrett. The Rev. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville will be officiating.

Memorials are to the family or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

THE NEWS SUN
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August 28, 2007, Tuesday

Former State Fire Marshal William Goodwin, 85, dies

ANGOLA — Former State Fire Marshal William C. Goodwin, 85, of Angola died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Goodwin was the Indiana State Fire Marshal from 1973 to 1985, for former Govs. Otis Bowen and Robert Orr. He had previously worked as a businessman in Angola.

Mr. Goodwin

He was a member of Angola United Methodist Church, the Angola Fire Department (from 1944 to the present), serving as chief from 1960 to 1973. He was a member of the Angola City Council from 1952 to 1960, and was awarded the Indiana Outstanding Young Man of the Year award in 1947 by the Jaycees. He was a member of the Lions Club, Kiwanis of Indianapolis, the Angola Masonic Lodge, Angola Elks, Angola Moose, the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association (where he served as president from 1969 to 1971), the Indiana Fire Fighter's Association, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the International Association of Arson Investigators, the Indiana Association of Arson Investigators, and the Indiana Fire Instructor's Association. He received three Sagamores of the Wabash and a Kentucky Colonel.

He was born on May 7, 1922, in White House, Ohio, to Erwin and Mahala (Childs) Goodwin. He married Janet Mitchell on Sept. 10, 1944. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, David Goodwin of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sara and Donald Silvey of Carmel, and Susan and Robert Crankshaw of Angola; a brother, Jack Goodwin of Lawrence, Kan.; five grandchildren and three spouses, Craig Dragoo, Brent and Melissa Dragoo, Kathy and Sean Mayberry, Matthew and Megan Crankshaw, and Adam Crankshaw; and two great-grandchildren, Danny Mayberry and Katie Crankshaw.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Marianna Franze.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola, with a chaplin from the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be held from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the Angola Fire Department.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with revised information about surviving relatives.*

Nettie Goings

AUBURN — Nettie B. Goings, 59, died Saturday morning, Aug. 25, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A 1966 graduate of Waterloo High School, she received an animal control degree in 1990 from the Humane Society of the United States in Bowling Green, Ohio. In 1992, she received a cruelty investigation degree from the University of Columbia in Columbia, Mo. She was the first animal control officer of DeKalb County for the animal shelter. She also had served the shelter as manager, vice president, treasurer and secretary.

Mrs. Goings loved her family and friends, pets, reading, playing cards and antique tractor pulls. She was a member of New Hope Christian Center.

She was born in Auburn on Oct. 11, 1947, to Donald C. and Irene L. (Weinhold) Osbun. They both preceded her in death.

She married Dale Goings in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ on Oct. 2, 1966. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert "Bob" and Patti Goings of Kendallvile; two grandchildren, Nathan Terry and Taylar Knox of Kendallville; and a brother and sister-in-law, Donald L. "Abe" and Linda Osbun of Dunn, N.C.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl and the Rev. Don Ruhl officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to the Shop with a Cop Program or New Hope Christian Center.

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Lawrence Van Fossen

BROOKSVILLE, Fla. — Lawrence A. "Van" Van Fossen, 81, of Brooksville, Fla., died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007, at his home.

He was born in Montpelier, Ohio, and moved to the Brooksville area 12 years ago from St. Petersburg.

Mr. Van Fossen retired as a manager with Florida Power Corp. after 33 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving aboard the minesweeper USS Terror, and survived a kamikaze attack.

He was a woodworker, carver and longtime member of International Wood Collectors Society. He was a member of the Hernando County Genealogy Club and worked with the Latter Day Saints Genealogy Center. He was a volunteer with the Habitat for Humanity of Hernando County Thrift Store and the Hernando County Literacy program.

He was a manager of Little League for five years and was involved in many activities including Kiwanis, rebuilding after Hurricane Andrew with UMCOR and mentoring through the Boys and Girls Club. He was an active member of Mariner United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Millicent; a son, Larry B. Van Fossen of Brooksville; three daughters, Connie Cook of Brooksville, Nicky Walton of Spring Hill, Fla., and Kelly Surf of Abha, Saudi Arabia; two sisters, Marillyn Oxender of Montpelier and Evellyn Esselburn of Garrett; a brother, Max Van Fossen of Green Cove Springs, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Turner Funeral Homes Spring Hill Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

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August 28, 2007, Tuesday

Kaleigha Kimmel

STOCKTON, N.Y. — Kaleigha Nicole Kimmel, 14, of Stockton, N.Y., died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2007, at Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo, N.Y., following a life-long battle with cystic fibrosis.

Miss Kimmel

A former Angola resident, she was a longtime resident of Jamestown, N.Y., and lived the past year with her aunt, Shellie Pitts of Stockton, N.Y., whom she was especially fond of. Miss Kimmel was an honor student at Cleveland Hill High School in Cheektowaga, N.Y. and Cassadaga Valley Central School, where she would have been entering her freshman year. She was also on the Parent and Patient Advisory board for Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo, N.Y. She was an organ donor and her sacrifice will further research for the cure of cystic fibrosis.

She was a very beautiful and intelligent young lady who was very caring and loved her parents and family very much. She enjoyed computer games, skating, shopping, photography and country music.

Miss Kimmel was born Dec. 6, 1992, the daughter of Tammy Lynn Nary Kimmel of Angola and William Lehner Kimmel Jr. of Kendallville, who both survive.

Also surviving are two sisters, Shawna Kimmel of Amherst, N.Y., and Samantha Kimmel of Angola; two brothers, Jason Kimmel and Christopher Kimmel of Jamestown; and her maternal grandparents, the Rev. John and Judy Mattson Nary of Jamestown, N.Y.

She was preceded in death by her uncle, James Pitts; her brother, Michael William Kimmel; and paternal grandparents, William and Lois Kimmel.

Services were held at the Jordan Funeral Home in Sinclairville, N.Y., on Friday.

Memorials are to the Lung Center at Children's Hospital of Buffalo, N.Y.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Hattie Deckman

SHOREWOOD, Ill. — Hattie Caroline Deckman, 90, of Shorewood Ill., formerly of Perrysburg, Ohio, and Wall Lake, died Thursday at her daughter's home in Shorewood.

Ms. Deckman

Ms. Deckman was a retired elementary school teacher, retiring from the Toledo, Ohio, school system after teaching at the Harvard school for over 25 years.

She graduated with a bachelor's degree from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1938 and a classical studies degree from Bowling Green State University in 1947. She was a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority, Owls of Miami, State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio, American Association of University Women, American Federation of Teachers, and Toledo Teachers Federation. She was a 50-year member of Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 20 in Perrysburg. A longtime member of First Presbyterian Church of Perrysburg, she led Sunday School classes for 20 years. In recent years she was an associate member of Orland United Methodist Church and a member of the Methodist Women's Association. She grew up in Perrysburg and was a lifetime summer resident of Wall Lake. She spent her winters in Tavares, Fla., and most recently lived in Glenview, Ill., and Shorewood.

She was born July 29, 1917, in Perrysburg to Hubbell and Martha (Ritter) Fuller. Both preceded her in death.

She is survived by a daughter, Caroline Dent of Shorewood; a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Gretchen Deckman of Port Orange, Fla.; a grandson and his spouse, John and Tracy Dent of Lockport, Ill., a brother and sister-in-law, Lee Robinson and Margie Fuller of Port Charlotte, Fla.; one niece; and two nephews.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Orland United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to Joliet Area Community Hospice in Joliet, Ill., or Orland United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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August 29, 2007, Wednesday

Woman, 19, dies in crash

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SOUTH MILFORD — A 19-year-old Kendallville woman died in a three-vehicle crash that injured three others at about 3:31 p.m. Tuesday on S.R. 3 and C.R. 500S in LaGrange County.

Cassie Marcelle Mobley, 19, of Kendallville, died at the scene from her injuries.

Nathaniel M. Gallick, 19, of Kendallville, driver of one of the vehicles in the crash, was treated at the scene and airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne with head and chest injuries. Gallick was listed in serious condition by hospital representatives today.

Mobley was a passenger in the Gallick vehicle.

Marlene Faye Nagel, 67, of Union City, Mich., driver of one of the vehicles, was treated at the scene and transported to Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville for chest pain.

Paul D. Eddy, 33, of Fort Wayne was treated at the scene and released.

According to police, Gallick was southbound on S.R. 3 when for unknown reasons his vehicle went left of center, sideswiping Eddy's vehicle, causing Gallick's vehicle to spin to the northbound lane in front of Nagel. Nagel was traveling north and was unable to avoid the collision.

The crash remains under investigation.

Assisting at the scene were the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police, Wolcottville Police Department, Stroh and South Milford fire departments and LaGrange and Noble County EMS.

Jerry Birch

FORT WAYNE — Jerry R. Birch, 69, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Birch

He was born May 5, 1938, in Kimmell and was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was a firefighter for the Southwest Fire District in Fort Wayne and had also worked for the Deer Run Academy.

He was a member of Anthony Wayne First Church of God and American Legion Post 499.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Todd and Dee Ann Birch of Pulaski, Tenn., and Andy and Milyssa Birch of New Haven; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gina and Raymond Jones and Sonia and Steve Knepper, all of New Haven; two brothers; one sister; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sarah, in 1981.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Anthony Wayne First Church of God, 6012 South Bend Drive, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens with military honors.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.covington-memorial.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Rae Ann Key

DALY CITY, Calif. — Rae Anne (Trainer) Key, 68, of Daly City, Calif., and formerly of Garrett, died July 28, 2007.

Mrs. Key

She graduated from Garrett High School in 1956 and enrolled in Ball State University in Muncie, where she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in teaching and counseling.

Her teaching career spanned 40 years, beginning in Muncie, with the last 35 years in the San Francisco, Calif., area.

She will be remembered for her positive attitude and was highly respected by her peers and admired by her family and friends. She loved laughter, practical jokes, traveling and being with her family and friends.

She was born Sept. 2, 1938, to Raymond E. and Anne J. Trainer of Garrett. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, David Scott Key of Florida; a sister, Sandra (Trainer) Grogg of Florida; and a niece, Stacey L. Williamson and her son, Robert "Robbie" Hunter, of Florida.

Services were in California.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Martin Voelker

FORT WAYNE — Martin E. Voelker, 89, of Fort Wayne, and Crooked Lake died Monday, Aug. 20, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He retired in 1993 from Dana Corp. after 44 years.

He was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

He was born July 20, 1918 in Fort Wayne. He was married to Ruth Voelker for 71 years. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Glenn Parrish of Fort Wayne; a grandson and his spouse, Jeffrey and Amy Parrish of Fort Wayne; a great-grandson, Brian Parrish; and a brother, Robert Voelker.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Norman Voelker.

Services were Friday at Concordia Cemetery Gardens Chapel.

Memorials are to Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are by Hockemeyer and Miller Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Donna McKibbin

MIDDLEBURY — Donna I. McKibbin, 91, of Middlebury died at 9 a.m. Monday in Goshen.

Mrs. McKibbin was a homemaker.

She was a longtime Middlebury resident and a 1933 graduate of Bristol High School.

Mrs. McKibbin was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

She enjoyed gardening and cooking.

She was born Feb. 27, 1916, in Traverse City, Mich., to Harley J. and Edna H. (Durga) Scamehorn. She married Buel McKibbin on Nov. 16, 1935, in Goshen. He died Oct. 4, 1986.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara McKibbin of Middlebury; a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Susie McKibbin of Shipshewana; and two grandsons, Randy and Kimberly McKibbin of Shipshewana and Dan McKibbin of Bristol.

She was also preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Jocelyn A. McKibbin on April 19, 2006; two sisters, Myrtle Hamilton and Dorothy Kibby; and a brother, Walter Scamehorn.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Bert Pauluhn of St. John's Lutheran Church officiating.

Burial will be Eldridge Cemetery at Middlebury. Pallbearers will be Dennis McKibbin, Randy McKibbin, Danny McKibbin, James Hamilton, Nicolaas DeJong and Ernest Sailor. Honorary pallbearers will be Wallace McKibbin and William McKibbin.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to Pet Refuge, 2300 W. 6th St., Mishawaka.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Kenneth Heston

Mr. Heston

MISHAWAKA — Kenneth C. Heston, 87, of Mishawaka died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007, at St. Paul's Retirement Community in South Bend.

Mr. Heston was a lifetime Indiana resident.

He graduated in 1938 from Mishawaka High School and was a former Mishawaka police officer.

Mr. Heston had been very involved in fast-pitch softball. He played, coached and managed in the sport for more than 40 years and sponsored many different ball teams during the past 20 years. He coach basketball and softball at St. Bavo's for more than four years.

He was a 50-year Master Mason, a member of South Bend Shrine Club, Orak Shrine of Michigan City and Valley of Promise in South Bend.

Mr. Heston was a lifetime member of VFW Post 360 and a member of the BK Club in Mishawaka where he served as secretary for 30 years. He founded the Mishawaka High School Boosters Club in 1950.

He was born July 26, 1920, in Tippecanoe to Clacy and Cleo (Overmyer) Heston. He married Martha Landuyt on June 5, 1939. She died July 18, 1991.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth A. and Cinde Heston, Charles R. and Deanna Heston and Phillip W. and Roane Heston; a daughter, Patricia L.; a brother, Russell Heston of South Bend; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren; a nephew, Alex; a niece, Michelle; and a longtime friend, Lorainne DeGeeter.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at Hahn Funeral Home, 505 W. 8th St., Mishawaka. Private burial will be held.

Memorials are to Shriners Children's Hospital, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60707.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hahnfuneralhomes.com.

John Smith

KNOX — John Delmar Smith, 75, of Knox and formerly of Riverdale, Ill., died Friday, Aug. 24, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Smith worked as head of maintenance for 25 years at Patton School in Riverdale. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force from 1950 to 1954.

He was a member of the Knox post of the American Legion and was active in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Civic Center in Illinois. He was an active member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Knox and was involved in construction of the new church building.

He was born Sept. 19, 1931, in Auburn to Ray and Goldie May (Kristofferson) Smith.

He married Mary Lou Schlegel, on Sept. 4, 1954. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Janice Davis of Portage; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John David and Cheryl Smith of St. John and Dennis Smith of Dyer; six grandchildren, Shelly Smith, Sabrina Davis, Brittany Smith, Brooke Smith, Jenna Smith and John R. Davis; two great-grandsons, Jaivon Smith and Wrigley Monhaut; four sisters, Katherine Decker of Auburn, Lela Allen of Anderson, Mary Ellen McInturf of Sun City, Ariz., and Shelba Jean Shuff of Garrett; three brothers, Blake Smith, Donald Smith and Warren Smith, all of Auburn; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Effie, and two brothers, Dale and Edgar.

Services were Tuesday at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Burial was in Bass Lake Lutheran Cemetery.

M.C. Smith Funeral Home of Knox handled arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 29, 2007, Wednesday

Kingston L. Hood, 94

ROANKE – Kingston L. Hood, 94, died Thursday, August 23, 2007 at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville. He was born in Philadelphia, PA.

He was a Mounted Patrolman with the Philadelphia Police Department and enjoyed and taught horseback riding.

Survivors include: wife, Suzanne (Koontz) Hood of Roanke; step-son, Jeffrey M. (Le Ann) Perry of Albion; step-daughters, Jana P. (Val) Eylands of Roatan, Honduras and Pam Stengel of Las Vegas; three grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Kingston Jr.

Services were at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Memorials to Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home and Asbury United Methodist Church Choir.

The family of Jean Smolek

We would like to thank everyone who supported us during the loss of our wife and mother. It all was very appreciated.

Ken Smolek, Deb Wilson
Donita Brill and Denise Smolek

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 30, 2007, Thursday

Teen remembered as friendly, helpful

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KENDALLVILLE — The hallways at East Noble High School were unusually quiet Wednesday after students learned of the death of June graduate Cassie Mobley.

"It has been very quiet," said East Noble principal Ann Linson this morning. "Naturally, there are students who are sad, but it has been rather quiet."

Mobley, 19, of Kendallville, died at the scene of a three-car collision at about 3:30 p.m. Tuesday on S.R. 3 near LaGrange C.R. 500S.

She was a passenger in her 2003 Ford driven by her fiance, Nathaniel M. Gallick, 19, also of Kendallville. Gallick was listed in critical condition Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mobley was involved with the East Noble Knightettes dance team for three years and was a member of the East Noble bowling club.

"She was a very mature young lady who was well liked by her peers," said Linson. "She was very friendly and always smiling."

Mobley was employed at Pizza Hut in Kendallville the past two years.

"We're all sad about this," said Pizza Hut manager Bill Miller this morning. "She was a great person, and she had a big heart. She would do anything to help someone out."

A friend of hers, Purdue University sophomore Angela Foster, met Mobley and her fiance Memorial Day weekend. "When I met her, I looked forward to getting to know her because she is the type of person you would want as a friend."

The 2006 East Noble graduate described Mobley as fun-loving and sweet. "It is heart-breaking to see my friend go before her time."

Mobley was a member of the East Noble Bowling Team and bowled in the Shadow Bowl youth league with her fiance, said Bob Campbell, the East Noble bowling team coach and Shadow Bowl owner. "She did a real good job, and won many matches," he said this morning. "She was pleasant to be around. We joked around a lot. She and Nathan would come into the center holding hands."

Cassie Mobley

See Page A4 for her obituary.

Cassie Mobley

KENDALLVILLE — Cassie Marcelle Mobley, 19, of Kendallville died at 3:40 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2007, in a motor vehicle accident on S.R. 3 north of South Milford.

Miss Mobley

Miss Mobley was a 2007 graduate of East Noble High School where she was a member of the Knightettes dance team for three years and on the bowling team.

She was taking classes online through Penn Foster and pursuing a degree in graphic design.

Miss Mobley enjoyed reading and was in the proce of writing a book about her life.

She was employed at Pizza Hut in Kendallville.

She was born June 7, 1988, in Auburn to Tracy L. and Patricia A. (Terry) Mobley. They survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are her fiance, Nathan M. Gallick of Kendallville; two sisters, Skye Terry and Candace Mobley, both at home; and a grandmother, Sandra Mobley of Wolcottville.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Wallace and Arminta Terry and Archie Mobley, and an uncle, Thomas Mobley.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Five Corners Baptist Church at Wolcottville with the Rev. Clarence Combs of Five Corners Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery at Woodruff.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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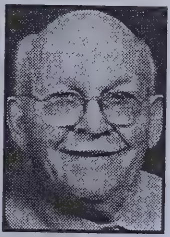
Raymond Saxer

GARRETT — Raymond A. "Bud" Saxer, 86, of Garrett died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.


Mr. Saxer

Mr. Saxer worked as a home decorator for many years and served as coach for the DeKalb County Boxing Club from 1952 until 1989, coaching a total of 2,008 boys. He was named Garrett's Citizen of the Year in 1969.

Mr. Saxer was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, the Garrett post of the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans.

He was born Dec. 11, 1920, in Garrett to Walter and Mabel (Cashbaugh) Saxer.

On July 27, 1946, he married Marjorie D. Kelham. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ellsworth and Cathy Saxer of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Frank Majeski of Monee, Ill.; two grandsons, Alex Saxer and his wife, Sarah, and Anthony Saxer, all of Garrett; a granddaughter and her husband, Amanda and Ryan Hathaway of Garrett; a great-grandson, Nolan Hathaway of Garrett; a great-granddaughter, Halle Hathaway of Garrett; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Loni Saxer of Terre Haute; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Thelma and Mike Ringenberg and Harriett and John McQuown, all of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lyman and Ellsworth Saxer; and two sisters, Katherine Souder and Evelyn Loomis.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with military graveside services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Boxing Club.

Condolences may be sent and an online guestbook may be signed at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Ruth Fitzpatrick

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth N. Fitzpatrick, 89, of Kendallville died at 3:50 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Mildred McCoy

KENDALLVILLE — Mildred M. McCoy, 86, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007, at her daughter's residence in Kendallville.

Mrs. McCoy retired from Tokheim in Albion after seven years of employment. Prior to that, she had worked at Haffner's Variety Store in Kendallville for 13 years.

She was an avid IU basketball fan and loved watching Chicago Cubs baseball games.

Mrs. McCoy enjoyed visiting with her family and also watching the birds outside her home.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Sept. 25, 1920, to Alva J. and Alice Anna (Moore) Bryant. She married Gerald A. McCoy on Oct. 20, 1939, in Fort Wayne. He died in February 1988.

Surviving are three daughters, Joyce Carpenter of Albion, Donna Hardy of South Bend and Glenda Stevens of Kendallville; 16 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Lisa McCoy of Avilla; and two sisters-in-law, Patty (McCoy) Uhl of Nashville, Tenn., and Luella Bryant of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Larry D. McCoy in March 2006; eight brothers, Herman, Carl, Wayne, Dale, Donald, Earl, Delmer and Gerald Bryant; and three sisters, Nellie Wendt, Bessie Hull and Irene Nisse.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla, with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Emmett Headley

ANGOLA — Emmett L. Headley, 72, of Angola, died Monday, Aug. 27, 2007, in Angola.

Mr. Headley

Mr. Headley was the owner of Angola Lumber Co. for 41 years and worked there for 52 years.

He was a past governor of the Angola Moose Lodge, a past president of the Land O Lakes Lions Club, had served on the board of directors of First Federal Savings Bank of Angola since 1978, and served as chairman of that board for the last 18 years.

He was born Sept. 11, 1934, in Columbia, Ohio, to Owen Kermit and Hazel (Richardson) Headley. He married Janet Stackhouse on May 23, 1952. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel and Paula Headley and Kim and Michelle Headley of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Paul Gilbert of Angola, and Julie and Bill Stevens of Brownsburg; two brothers, Phillip Headley of Brighton, Mich., and Paul Headley of Hamilton; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Elwood Headley.

Private family services will be at a later date. Burial will be in Columbia Cemetery in Columbia.

Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society and Cameron Hospice and Home Health.

LeNore Lewis

GARRETT — M. LeNore Lewis, 79, of Garrett, died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Miss Lewis was a lifetime Garrett resident. She served as a physical education and health teacher and later as a guidance counselor at Garrett High School. She retired in 1985 with 35 years of service.

She was a member of the Garrett Church of Christ.

She was born Feb. 14, 1928, in Garrett, to Sherman and Grace M. (Brown) Lewis.

Surviving are a brother, Sherman Lewis of North Port, Fla.; three sisters, Elaine Kizer and Winifred Johnston, both of Garrett, and Jessica Moses of Findlay, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, William, Beryl, Meryl and Clyde Lewis; and a sister, Lavon Lewis.

There will be no calling. A private family memorial service will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Garrett Public Library Foundation.

Condolences may be sent and an online guestbook may be signed at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Charles Goodale Jr.

FREMONT — Professor Charles D. Goodale Jr., 75, of Fremont died Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2007, at his sister's home in Angola.

Mr. Goodale was a professor of accounting at Tri State University, retiring in 1993. He was also an Army veteran.

He received his bachelor's degree from Indiana State University and his master's degree from Indiana University's Kelly School of Business. He was a certified public accountant and a member of the Indiana CPA Society for more than 40 years. He was treasurer for the Steuben County Lakes Council for 25 years.

He was born Feb. 20, 1932, in Terre Haute to Charles Sr. and Barbara Wagner Goodale. Both parents preceded him in death.

He is survived by two brothers, Frank Goodale of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Paul Goodale of Coldwater, Mich.; and a sister, Margaret "Peggy" McDowell of Angola; three nieces; seven nephews; and 16 great-nieces and nephews.

Services will be at noon Saturday at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola, with the Rev. Deborah Davis officiating.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and Home Health and the Steuben County Lakes Council.

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Diane Thompson

FORT WAYNE — Diane Kay Thompson, 54, of Fort Wayne died at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Thompson had been employed at Dexter Axle in Albion as a machine operator for the past five years. Prior to that she had worked at Bond Flex Co. as a spray room operator.

She was a former resident of Columbia City and a 1971 graduate of Columbia City Joint High School.

Mrs. Thompson will be remembered as a dedicated mother and grandmother.

She was born July 14, 1953, in Columbia City to Ernest and Helen A. (Redman) Rumsyre. She married Robert M. Thompson on July 18, 1970, at Washington Center United Methodist Church in rural Whitley County.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert M. and Brenda Thompson of South Whitley and Chad D. and Tabitha Thompson of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Amber K. and Matthew Joley of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Sandy Rumsyre of Columbia City; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Elaine and Ralph Burns and Liane and Larry Creech, all of Columbia City; her ex-husband, Robert Thompson of Fort Wayne; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant brother, David Rumsyre.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Dale Moser of Gospel Land Christian Center officiating. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Research.

Condolences are to www.demoneygrimes.com.

Clarence Huey

CHURUBUSCO — Clarence D. Huey, 81, of New Haven and formerly of Churubusco died at 2:45 a.m. today, Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007, at Harborside Healthcare in New Haven following an extended illness.

His wife, Marilyn, died in 2003.

Among his survivors are a daughter, Teresa Kage of Fort Wayne, and two sons, Charles Huey of Warsaw and Dean and Sharon Huey of Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
August 30, 2007, Thursday

Florence Garvin

LIGONIER — Florence S. Garvin, 99, of Ligonier died at 7:15 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007, at the Ligonier home of her daughter, Dorothy Bish.

Mrs. Garvin

Mrs. Garvin had lived in the Ligonier area since 1947. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Garvin was a dedicated 60-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She originally was a member of Ligonier Chapter 325 and then joined Albion Prentiss Chapter 178.

She was also a member of the Perry Township Home Extension Club and the Happy Eight Canasta Club.

She was born Aug. 12, 1908, in Tippecanoe County to Samuel W. and Anna E. (Duffy) Westfall. They are deceased. She married George Garvin on April 10, 1934, in Lafayette. He died Jan. 28, 1999.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Carole and Harvey Bewley of Goshen, Dorothy and Robert Bish of Ligonier and M. Susan and Don Thuillard of Avilla; a daughter-in-law, Betty Garvin of Wolcottville; 16 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, John "Jack" Garvin in December 2005; two brothers; and a sister.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Friday at Ligonier United Methodist Church, 466 Townline Road, Ligonier, with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Cremation will follow.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today, Thursday, at the church with an Eastern Star service at 7:30 p.m. by Albion Prentiss Chapter 178.

Memorials are to Ligonier United Methodist Church, Noble House or Prentiss Chapter 178 Order of the Eastern Star.

J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Jeffrey Smith

LIGONIER — Jeffrey D. Smith, 46, of Ligonier died at 2:59 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith had been a current resident of Passages Group Home in Columbia City.

He was born April 14, 1961, in Goshen to Eldon and Connie (Cripe) Smith. They survive in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a sister, Julie Reed of Cromwell; and two brothers, Dave Smith of Ligonier and Tom Smith of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a stillborn brother, Gary.

Services were heldTuesday at Stones Hill Community Church, with Pastor Joey Nelson officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Passages Group Home.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
August 30, 2007, Thursday

Betty Witmer

Mrs. Witmer

PIERCETON — Betty Witmer, 83, of Big Barbee Lake, died at 12:07 a.m. Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at Wesley Healthcare Center in Auburn where she had been a resident for the past week.

She was born December 13, 1923 in Kosciusko County, Indiana a daughter of Lee and Cleo (Streiby) Henwood. Her formative years were spent in Syracuse. She graduated from Syracuse High School and Purdue University in 1945 with a degree in Home Economics Education.

On July 20, 1946, she was united in marriage to Thomas Edison Witmer. They made their home in Whitley County until their retirement from farming, when they moved to their home on Big Barbee Lake. Mr. Witmer died September 26, 2006.

She taught school at North Webster School for two years, Cromwell School for five years and Columbia City Joint High School for many years, retiring in the mid 1970s.

Her memberships include West Etna Community Church and West Etna Ladies Aid, Whitley County Home Extension Club and Indiana State Retired Teachers Association.

Surviving relatives include a daughter, Cheryl (Tom) Settercerri of Monument, Colorado; a son, Thomas K. Witmer of Syracuse; five grandchildren; a step granddaughter; and nine great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Gerald, Eugene and George.

The funeral service was held Monday, August 27, 2007 at West Etna Community Church, Larwill with Pastors Larry Goss and Bud Winstead officiating. The burial wasin the church cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to West Etna Community Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Frances Wilson

AUBURN — Frances Louise Wilson, 95, of Auburn, died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007, at Community North Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Wilson was a homemaker. She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church and sang in the church choir.

Mrs. Wilson

Mrs. Wilson received a Bachelor of Science degree from Olivet College in Olivet, Mich.

She was a former member of Sigma Beta and a member of Entre Nous Literary Club.

She was born Feb. 26, 1912, in Auburn to Charles Elmer and Bertha (Ketchum) Frederick. They preceded her in death.

She married Donald G. Wilson in the home of her parents on Sept. 1, 1935. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Debra Wilson of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Robert Irving of Pendleton, Ore., and Mary and Roger Marchal of Greenfield; five grandchildren and their spouses, Jim and Karen Irving, Ben and Mia Irving, Jeffrey and Helen Marchal, Lisa Marchal and Brandon Wilson; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Cortland Frederick.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Auburn First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Eckhart Public Library in Auburn or the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Donald Brandeberry

CORUNNA — Donald J. Brandeberry, 79, of Corunna died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Brandeberry was a truck driver for Sentle Trucking Co. of Gary.

He was a Teamster and was a U.S. Army Veteran, serving in the Korean conflict.

Mr. Brandeberry attended the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

He was born April 9, 1928, in LaGrange County, to Roy J. and Ruth (Hostetler) Brandeberry. They preceded him in death.

He married Garcile Diehm on Jan. 18, 1959, in Corunna and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, VonDeLee and George Showalter of Corunna, Donna Faye and Cecil Yoder of Bronson, Mich., and Kathy Jo and Henry Quayle of Elizabeth, Colo; a sister and brother-in-law, Dorris J. and Don Lilly of Blountstown, Fla.; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Dan White officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Ruth Landis

COLDWATER, Mich. — Ruth Landis, 94, of Coldwater, Mich., formerly of Fremont, died Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007, at The Laurels of Coldwater.

Ms. Landis lived in the Fremont area, moving to Coldwater in 1959. She enjoyed sewing and making quilts and had a green thumb when it came to her house plants. She loved animals, especially her cats. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family and was never far from home.

She was born on Dec. 1, 1912, in Pleasant Lake to Harry and Rhea (Shatto) Williams. She married Harold Landis on May 29, 1930. He preceded her in death in 1985.

She is survived by four sons and three daughters-in-law, Estle and Vicki Landis, David Landis and Martin and Janet Landis, all of Coldwater, and Paul and Debbie Landis of Quincy, Mich., two daughters and a son-in-law, JoAnn Barnes of Angola, and Julie and Dunn Marteen of Coldwater; a brother, Robert "Max" Williams, of Indianapolis; a sister and brother-in-law, Anna and Robert Jackson of Pleasant Lake; several nieces and nephews; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at a later date in Fremont Cemetery in Fremont.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Branch County, Mich.

Arrangements are being handled by Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater.

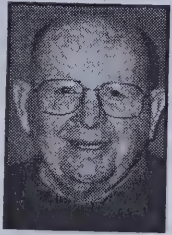
THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 31, 2007, Friday

L.D. Gramling

ANGOLA — L.D. Gramling, 88, of Angola, died Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

He owned Wearly Monuments in Angola for 20 years.

Mr. Gramling served in the U.S. Navy in World War II, receving a Purple Heart.


Mr. Gramling

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans of Garrett and the Orland American Legion Post No. 423. He was also a member of Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

He was born on Jan. 3, 1919, to Carl and Bessie (Parr) Gramling. He married Cleota M. Potts in the Church of Christ parsonage in Auburn on April 27, 1941. She survives.

He is also survived by a daughter, Carol Stegemoller of Jackson, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Cathi Gramling of Dallas, and Terry and Cyndi Gramling of Houston; nine grandchildren, Tara Burley, Stacy Smith, David and Jeffrey Stegemoller, Kimberly Foote, Ronald Gramling Jr., Brian Gramling, Kelley Gramling and Christine Anderson; and 15 great-grandchildren

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Nancy Rockey in 1989.

Services will be at 2. p.m. Sunday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. John Boyanowski officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola with the Orland American Legion conducting military services.

Pallbearers will be Brian Gramling, Ronald Gramling, Tobey Burley, Marty Smith, Bob Foote, Jeff Stegemoller and Mike Lytle.

Memorials are to the National Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

Ruth Fitzpatrick

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth N. Fitzpatrick, 89, of Kendallville died at 3:50 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick

Mrs. Fitzpatrick was a lifetime area resident.

She was the secretary to the principal at North Side Elementary School in Kendallville for 23 years.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

She was an avid reader and seamstress and enjoyed knitting.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick enjoyed attending productions brought to the community by Noble County Concerts, Broadway shows and traveling with her daughter and son-in-law.

She was affectionately known as "Bamma" by her grandchildren.

She was born April 20, 1918, in Kendallville to Geoffrey L. and Mabel E. (Richard) Browand. She married Lawrence Brechbill in 1942 in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on Aug. 13, 1944. She then married William F. "Fitz" Fitzpatrick on Sept. 30, 1950, in Dayton, Ohio. He preceded her in death on Dec. 3, 1988.

Surviving are her a daughter and son-in-law, Kelli and Steven Burrill of San Francisco, Calif.; four grandsons, Joel, Jeff, Pete and Tom Burrill; nine great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, June and Robert Brennan of Kendallville; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Betty Browand.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., with the Rev. Leon Pomeroy of Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville, officiating.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Casketbearers will be Joel Burrill, Jeff Burrill, Tom Burrill, Mike Brennan, Jeff Brennan, Eric Smith and Chuck Lemmon.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ruth N. Fitzpatrick Memorial Fund, c/o Kendallville Public Library, 221 S. Park Ave., Kendallville, IN 46755

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 31, 2007, Friday

Gretchen Hedges

AVILLA — Gretchen Hedges, 92, died Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Hedges

Mrs. Hedges was a homemaker.

She lived in Avilla for 10 years, Kendallville for 15 years and Goshen for 35 years.

Mrs. Hedges was a member of the First Methodist Church in Goshen.

She was a native of Pennville, Ind.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Ginger Hedges of Monroeville, Robert and Barbara Hedges of Wall Lake near Orland, and John and Jane Hedges of Oak Park, Ill.; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Murray Hedges, in 1996; her parents, Dr. Russell and Bessie Grisell; and a brother, Joseph Grisell.

Service will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with Tom Novy officiating

Calling will be two hours prior to services Sunday at the funeral home.

Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at the I.O.O.F. Twin Hills Cemetery in Pennville with the Rev. Chris Tiedeman of Pennville United Methodist Church officiating.

Memorials to Alzheimer's Unit at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Clarence Huey

CHURUBUSCO — Clarence D. Huey, 81, of New Haven and formerly of Churubusco died at 2:45 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007, at Harborside Healthcare in New Haven where he had been a resident the past three years.

Mr. Huey retired as a forklift operator in 1983 from International Harvester in Fort Wayne after 28 years of service.

He and his wife, Marilyn, owned and operated Lucky Huey Kennels for many years. The couple had lived at Bear Lake and later at Burr Oak before moving northwest of Churubusco in 1977.

Mr. Huey was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the Northeast Indiana Kennel Club, Columbia City American Legion Post 98, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign of Wars Post in Fort Wayne.

He was born Dec. 6, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Herman H. and Lucille (Bryant) Huey. He married Marilyn Kapp on Sept. 9, 1950. She died Nov. 1, 2003.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dean and Sharon Huey of Fort Wayne and Charles Huey of Warsaw; a daughter, Teresa Kage of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; a step-grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. George Cecil of Cornerstone Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne with military graveside services by Columbia City American Legion Post 98.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Whitley County, P.O. Box 245, Columbia City, IN 46725.

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Maggie Yoder

GOSHEN — Maggie Yoder, 74, of Goshen died Friday, Aug. 31, 2007, at home.

Mrs. Yoder was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church. She was born in Allen County on March 2, 1933, to Menno and Rosa (Schmucker) Zehr, who are both deceased. She was married Sept. 25, 1955, in Allen County to Perry O. Yoder, who survives in Goshen.

Other survivors include four sons and three daughters-in-law, Perry Alvin Yoder of Vicksburg, Mich., Edwin Menno and Sue Yoder of Middlebury, Martin LeRoy and Margaret Yoder of Nappanee and Wilmer Joseph and Elsie Yoder of Middlebury; three daughters and one son-in-law, Rosa Fern Yoder of Goshen, Ada Sue Yoder of Shipshewana and Naomi Eileen and Ron Roll of Goshen; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Pete and Mary Ann Zehr and Menno Jr. and Mary Ann Zehr, all of Allen County; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lydiann and Jake Beiler of Ronks, Pa., and Susan and Henry Graber of Grabill; 20 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Dean Ray Yoder in 1976; a stillborn granddaughter; a daughter-in-law, Diane Yoder; two brothers; and a sister.

Services will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the Lamar Yoder residence, 59811 C.R. 37, Middlebury, with Bishop Jesse Schlabach and Home Ministers officiating. Burial is in Miller Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the family home.

Pallbearers will be Crist Jay Miller, Lynn Miller, Marvin Miller, Jay Graber, John Mark Borkholder and Ray Miller.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include calling hours inadvertently omitted by this newspaper.*

L.D. Gramling

ANGOLA — L.D. Gramling, 88, of Angola, died Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Gramling

He owned Wearly Monuments in Angola for 20 years.

Mr. Gramling served in the U.S. Navy in World War II, receiving a Purple Heart.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans of Garrett and the Orland American Legion Post No. 423. He was also a member of Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

He was born on Jan. 3, 1919, to Carl and Bessie (Parr) Gramling. He married Cleota M. Potts in the Church of Christ parsonage in Auburn on April 27, 1941. She survives.

He is also survived by a daughter, Carol Stegemoller of Jackson, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Cathi Gramling of Dallas, and Terry and Cyndi Gramling of Houston; nine grandchildren, Tara Burley, Stacy Smith, David and Jeffrey Stegemoller, Kimberly Foote, Ronald Gramling Jr., Brian Gramling, Kelley Gramling and Christine Anderson; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Nancy Rockey in 1989.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. John Boyanowski officiating.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola with the Orland American Legion conducting military services.

Pallbearers will be Brian Gramling, Ronald Gramling, Tobey Burley, Marty Smith, Bob Foote, Jeff Stegemoller and Mike Lytle.

Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

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Talented and giving, area woman lived up to her name

BY VIV ROSSWURM
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PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Mrs. Starr Johanns is shown in her van while quilting. Mrs. Johanns died Aug. 20, at th age of 70.

KIMMELL — While pregnant and giving birth to her first child in Swan Township, Noble County, in March 1937, Annabelle Rosenogle was very ill. Omar, her husband, and the baby's aunt were present when the tiny infant was born prematurely, weighing only 3 1/2 pounds. Aunt Bessie Bryie told the couple to have faith, because the stars were shining so brightly that it must be a sign. Annabelle and Omar named their baby Starr Faith.

Starr Faith Rosenogle Johanns spent the next 70 years tending to the needs of others. Whether she was nursing, quilting, gardening, fishing, baking or hosting a large family gathering, she shared all she had. Many times what she offered was her radiant smile, her faith and her positive, can-do attitude.

Growing up on the farm, Starr and her younger sister, Linda Wilson of Albion, were responsible for milking the cows at night and in the morning before school, as well as feeding chickens and hogs and gathering eggs. Wilson remembers that the two were "tomboyish" and would often — while their parents were away — climb to the top of the windmill and dangle by their legs or use the wire that supported the inside barn roof as a high wire to perform acrobatic feats.

"We grew up as happy kids with lots of learning and loving from family," Wilson said.

Their mother's health continued to decline, and she died when Starr was 16 and Linda was 13. Dropping out of high school to care for her mother and help with her sister, Starr never looked back.

Not until she was 36.

That's when Starr decided to get her high school diploma. She attended Columbia City Joint High School with her oldest son, Pat. They graduated together in 1973.

After Pat came Tina, Lisa, Joni, Shari, Tim and Rob. After helping take care of her sister-in-law, who died of muscular sclerosis, Starr welcomed her sister-in-law's three children into her home, growing her brood to 10 for several years. Later, she would add two grown stepchildren — James Johann and Terressa Clark — to her extended family tree.

When Starr divorced and was struggling to support seven children, she worked at a nearby hospital and moonlighted at a Tri-Lakes restaurant.

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“She was working two jobs,” remembers her daughter, Lisa Richmond. “But still canned all of our food and, with Grandpa’s help, butchered meat in the fall. She was an expert seamstress and sewed all of our clothes. We didn’t have much money, and when my sisters and I wanted designer jeans, mom bought denim and made jeans that looked exactly like the ones in the store.”

Mrs. Johanns

“”She told us we were capable of doing anything and proved it herself,” said daughter Joni Smith.

It was at the restaurant while working as a waitress that Starr met her soul mate.

Virgil Johanns was in the restaurant in the fall of 1981 with a friend when “this beautiful woman” caught his eye.

“I couldn’t let go,” Virgil Johanns said. “I pursued her until she agreed to marry me six or seven months later. I probably made a fool of myself.”

The couple married on April 10, 1982. Johanns was in awe of his catch.

“I always thought she was so talented and gifted, she could have gone anywhere, done anything and achieved greatness,” he said, then added, “But I’m glad she stayed here.”

Her children also were in awe.

“We would go through magazines and rip out the parts of wedding dresses we liked. Mom would do a composite and then design and make a gown exactly like we wanted,” said daughter Tina Elliott. “She made all of our dresses, did all of the silk flower arrangements and made beautiful, multi-tiered and intricately designed wedding cakes. She could do anything. She tore out walls, remodeled, reupholstered furniture. She taught us to work hard, to never lose faith.”

In 1982 Virgil and Starr Johanns were talking and Starr mentioned she had always wanted to be a nurse.

“I told her she still could,” Virgil Johanns said.

“She was not the very first in line to register for the school of nursing at IPFW in Fort Wayne, but she was close,” he remembered. “She was floating about 6 inches off the floor when they accepted her.”

Three years later, at the age of 48, Starr graduated from the Purdue University School of Nursing. After working for many years at several area nursing homes and hospitals — she especially liked taking care of the elderly — Starr retired and became an award-winning quilter and quilt designer.

Starr also loved to fish and garden, and her yard was a showcase of carefully tended blooms and greenery.

In the winter, when the Johanns traveled to southern Texas, Starr had Virgil hook up a sewing machine in the van and while Virgil drove, Starr sewed quilt squares.

“She was one amazing woman,” Virgil said.

Starr discovered after returning to Indiana in March that she had lung cancer. She died five months later on Aug. 20 at the age of 70.

“Starr was a very caring person. If anyone needed something, she would be right there to help if she could,” said Wilson. “She always had something to share — cakes, soups, pie, cookies, you name it — and she was always bringing something for someone. She always had a smile for everyone regardless of how bad she felt.”

“At her funeral, people who had worked with her said they had never seen her without a smile on her face,” said Lisa Richmond. “She was always a ray of sunshine.”

Or perhaps, it was more a ray of starshine.

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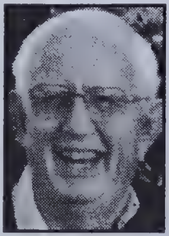
Eugene Rhodes

KENDALLVILLE — Eugene Neal Rhodes, 76, of Kendallville, died Friday, Aug. 31, 2007, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Rhodes

Mr. Rhodes was a principal, health and biology teacher and a basketball and baseball head coach at Kendallville High School.

He was principal from 1972 to 1980, science department chairman and health teacher until retirement. He was an educator for a total of 34 years.

He was the ESEA Title III Project Coordinator instituting flexible modular scheduling. He also spearheaded National Demonstration School project, hosting hundreds of national and international visitors to the school.

Mr. Rhodes graduated from Monroeville High School in 1948. He was a member of the 1948 Monroeville High School "Cubs" basketball team, the first county school from Allen County to win the Ft. Wayne Regional Basketball Tournament.

He was a 1953 graduate of Michigan State University, member of MSU's basketball team (coached by Hall of Fame honoree Pete Newell), Army ROTC and Sigma Nu Fraternity. He was a graduate assistant and earned his master's degree in education and mycology at MSU.

He was a member of 82nd Airborne Division, U.S. Army, Fort Bragg, N.C. and honorably discharged as 1st lieutenant.

He was also an award-winning sales representative at Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company.

He established the Little League Baseball in Kendallville and helped to construct the Garden Street ball diamonds.

He was an elder at the 1st Presbyterian Church, president and long-time member of the Kendallville Lions Club. He started the "Band-O-Rama" competition. He also was a member of the Kendallville Elks Lodge No. 1104.

He was the chief of judges for the Indiana State Science Fair, a multi-year volunteer for the International Science and Engineering Fair, and a volunteer lecturer on solid organ transplantation.

Mr. Rhodes was born Aug. 19, 1931, in Decatur to Lorrel Elmer and Miriam Blanche (Parnin) Rhodes, they both preceded him in death. He married L. Virginia Gish on Jan. 30, 1954, at Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lori Ellen and Christopher Patterson of Knoxville, Tenn., and Lynda Suzanne and Robert Stewart of Lexington, Ky.; three grandsons, Bryan, Andrew and Thomas Patterson, all of Knoxville, Tenn.; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Gerald Goss of Plymouth; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Wendy Lynne Rhodes, in 1979; and a sister, Mary Luann Spieth in 2006.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association Research or the National Kidney Foundation.

A memorial video tribute can be viewed and condolences can be sent to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Lois Reddy

AUBURN — Lois M. Reddy, 84, of Auburn died Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Reddy

Mrs. Reddy was a homemaker who enjoyed reading, sewing, gardening and garage sales.

She was born April 6, 1923, in Edgerton, Ohio to Lawrence and Faye (Ordway) Green who preceded her in death. She married Paul Ennis in October 1941. He preceded her in death in May 1958.

She married James Reddy in February 1960. He preceded her in death in November 1991.

Surviving are one son and a daughter-in-law, David and June Ennis of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Luanne and Howard Hanes of Advance, N.C., and Lana and Paul Howard of Auburn; one brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Darlene Green of Columbia, Ohio; two sisters and a brother in-law, Opal Myers of Auburn and Maxine and Don Heers of Marcello, Mich.; one brother-in-law, George Wills of Hamilton; five grandchildren and their spouses, Laurie and Dean Capps, Kent and Jennifer Ennis, Mark Hanes and John Mascazine, Doug and Jennifer Hanes and Tracy and Mohammed Fazel; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, Lawrence Green Jr. and Robert Green; and one sister, Helen Wills.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

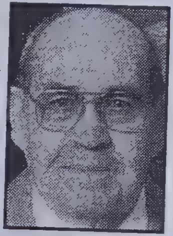
Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Basil Brown

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Basil K. Brown, 81, of Leo-Cedarville, died Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in DeKalb County, Mr. Brown retired from Smith Petroleum in 1989 with 42 years of service. He worked part-time for Bentz Metal Products for two years.


Mr. Brown

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving from 1944 to 1946, and was a member of Robinson Chapel United Methodist Church. He enjoyed fishing and playing cards.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Cindy Brown of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Janell and the Rev. James Pollem of Deerfield, Kan.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Brown, his parents, Charles and Genevieve (Badman) Brown, a sister, Elizabeth Fett, and two brothers, Fredrick and Bryce Brown.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. James Pollem officiating. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Canyon Fire Department.

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Maggie Yoder

GOSHEN — Maggie Yoder, 74, of Goshen died Friday, Aug. 31, 2007, at home.

Mrs. Yoder was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church. She was born in Allen County on March 2, 1933, to Menno and Rosa (Schmucker) Zehr, who preceded her in death.

She was married Sept. 25, 1955, in Allen County to Perry O. Yoder, who survives in Goshen.

Other survivors include five sons and three daughters-in-law, Perry Alvin Yoder of Vicksburg, Mich., Martin LeRoy and Margaret Yoder of Nappanee, Wilmer Joseph and Elsie Yoder, Ernie Tobias and Kathryn Yoder, Edwin Menno and Sue Yoder, all of Middlebury; three daughters and one son-in-law, Ada Sue Yoder of Shipshewana, Rosa Fern Yoder, and Naomi Eileen and Ron Roll, all of Goshen; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Pete and Mary Ann Zehr and Menno Jr. and Mary Ann Zehr, all of Allen County; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lydiann and Jake Beiler of Ronks, Pa., and Susan and Henry Graber of Grabill; 20 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Dean Ray Yoder in 1976; a stillborn granddaughter; a daughter-in-law, Diane Yoder; two brothers; and a sister.

Services will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the Lamar Yoder residence, 59811 C.R. 37, Middlebury, with Bishop Jesse Schlabach and Home Ministers officiating. Burial is in Miller Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the family home.

Pallbearers will be Crist Jay Miller, Lynn Miller, Marvin Miller, Jay Graber, John Mark Borkholder and Ray Miller.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. Online condolences ay be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Jean Leffel

KENDALLVILLE — Jean M. Leffel, 73, of Kendallville died at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007, at Northridge Village Nursing Home in Albion, after she had been in declining health for the last two weeks.

Arrangements are pending at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Lloyd Miller

GOSHEN — Lloyd L. Miller, 74, of Goshen, died at 7:14 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, 2007, at Goshen General Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Richard Bruner

ANGOLA — Richard Francis "Bud" Bruner, 83, of Angola, died Friday, Aug. 31, 2007, at Lakeland Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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WOWO legend Bob Sievers dies

FORT WAYNE — Bob Sievers, the legendary WOWO AM-1190 radio personality whose voice was one of the most well-known in the region and even worldwide, died Monday morning at the age of 90.

Sievers

"Mr. WOWO" was a broadcaster at the station full-time for more than 50 years and continued to do voice work and commercials for the station until a recent illness. His recorded voice can still be heard each hour announcing the station's identification and upcoming news breaks. Recently he was nominated for induction into the National Radio Hall of Fame.

In an interview this morning with current WOWO morning show host Charly Butcher, former WOWO personality Ron Gregory, now morning host on WZRQ 101.1 FM, Warsaw, and WBZQ AM 1300, Huntington, remembered Sievers fondly for his kindness and generosity to others and for his service to area listeners. Gregory said he had been visiting Sievers several days a week as he was being cared for in a nursing home.

Gregory recalled coming to WOWO in 1973 from Washington, D.C., and being amazed that Sievers attracted more than 70 percent of the area's radio listening audience each morning. Gregory said Sievers not only had a huge local following, but also had national and international listeners.

Phyllis Willard

BUTLER — Phyllis M. Willard, 73, died Sunday at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Willard retired from Universal Tool in Butler on March 31, 1994, after 29 years of service. She was a member of Christ's Church in Butler.

She was born Feb. 2, 1934, in DeKalb County to Curtis and Flora Mae (Clear) Henderson. They preceded her in death.

She married John Willard on Sept. 6, 1953, in Waterloo. He died Dec. 20, 1981.

Surviving are two sons, Henry Willard of Cromwell and Aaron Willard of Butler; a foster son, Tom Haupert of Butler; a daughter, Ida Fender of Butler; two foster daughters, Susie Demorest of Angola and Juneva Hefty of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; seven foster grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, two sisters and one grandson.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Dale Rabineau will officiate. Burial will be in Big Run Cemetery near Butler.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Christ's Church.

Donald Baird

KENDALLVILLE — Donald Baird, 76, of Kendallville died Monday, Sept. 3, 2007, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Lloyd Miller

GOSHEN — Lloyd L. Miller, 74, of Goshen died at 7:14 p.m. Friday in Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller had retired from AG Trucking after 19 years of service and had worked part-time for American Cargo Products.

He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Mr. Miller loved music and enjoyed singing and entertaining. He was a member of the Northeast Indiana Folk Music and Instrument Gathering Inc. where he played guitar and sang at various events.

He was a member of the Church of God in Elkhart.

Mr. Miller had attended school in the Middlebury school system.

He was born Jan. 29, 1933, in Middlebury to Levi and Katie (Bontrager) Miller. He married Verbie Byler on Dec. 20, 1958. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Rick and Rhonda Miller and Dennis Miller, all of Goshen; a daughter, Melanie Jackson of Goshen; five grandchildren; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Anne and Adin Yoder of Middlebury and Edna and Perry Otto of Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a stepmother, Lydia (Byler) Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Fairhaven Mennonite Church at Goshen with Elder Henry Bontrager of the Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Northeast Indiana Folk Music and Instrument Gathering Inc., P.O. Box 421, Shipshewana, IN 46565.

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Jean Leffel

KENDALLVILLE — Jean Marie Leffel, 73, of Kendallville died Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007, at Northridge Village in Albion.

Mrs. Leffel

Mrs. Leffel was a lifetime area resident. She grew up in the Avilla area and was a graduate of Avilla High School. She spent most of her adult life in Kendallville.

She and her husband, Ramon, spent the winter months in Fort Meyers, Fla., for several years.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed crocheting. She had crafted afghans for her children and grandchildren. She also enjoyed collecting both angel and owl figurines.

Mrs. Leffel was a lifetime member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. Her family, the Otts, are one of the longest-attending families at the church.

She had served as a volunteer at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville for many years and she and her husband were members of the East Noble Band Boosters for several years.

She was born in the family home in Avilla on July 29, 1934, to Harley and Elma (Weimer) Ott. She married Ramon Leffel on Dec. 10, 1955, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin and Teresa Leffel and Kerry and Shari Leffel, all of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and David Edmonds of rural Wawaka and Kim and David Winn of Butler; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Harold Ott and Larry and Deb Ott, all of Kendallville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, June Ott of Avilla and Ruth and John Seidel of Kendallville; two sisters-in-law, Nancy Burns of Butler and Barbara Ott of rural Avilla; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She and her husband were looking forward to the birth of two more grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Lee Ott and Paul Ott.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla with the Rev. Thomas Dunbar of Immanuel Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery northwest of Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Immanuel Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Ernest Gose

KENDALLVILLE — Ernest Gose, 77, of Jeffersonville, Ky., and formerly of the Stroh area died recently following a short illness.

Services will be at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's edition.

David Caudill

BRONSON, Mich. — David T. Caudill, 65, of Bronson, Mich., died Sunday, Sept. 2, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Caudill worked for a few years at Essex Wire in Three Rivers, Mich., and also at local sawmills before opening Caudill and Sons Metal Dealers in 1974 in Bethel Township, Mich., just east of Bronson. His sons now operate the metal business.

He truly loved his family and thoroughly enjoyed his many trips with his wife, especially to Mississippi. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, trips to the casino and spending time with his many friends.

He was born March 20, 1942, in Moorehead, Ky., to Benjamin and Clara (Shields) Caudill. He married Carolyn Tule on Sept. 1, 1962, in Moorehead. The couple moved to Bronson in 1963. She survives.

He is also survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Tena and Mitch Tannehill of Bronson; four sons and two daughters in law, Edward Caudill and Connie Swain, David Caudill Jr., Gary and Arlene Caudill and Larry Caudill, all of Bronson; two brothers, Donald Caudill of Bronson, and Curt Caudill of Moorehead; and a sister, Myrtle Butler of Moorehead.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister; and six brothers.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Bronson Church of Christ, with the Rev. Mike Roberts officiating. Burial is in Snow Prairie Cemetery.

Calling will be today at Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Bronson Food Pantry.

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Richard Bruner

ANGOLA — Richard Francis "Bud" Bruner, 83, of Angola died Friday, Aug. 31, 2007, at Lakeland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Bruner

Mr. Bruner owned Automatic Relay Company and served in the Army during World War II, serving in the Philippines and receiving parachute training.

He was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola, Angola American Legion Post No. 31, George Anspaugh Post No. 7205 of the VFW, and a charter member of the Optimists' breakfast club.

He was born on March 15, 1924, in Gary to Frederick and Esther (Regnier) Bruner. Both preceded him in death. He married June Hammond on Nov. 23, 1946. She survives.

He is also survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard II and Vicki Bruner of Angola, and Stephen Bruner of Bloomington; three daughters and sons-in-law, Esther and Olaf Domhoff of Rock Springs, Wyo., Beverly and Tom Fullerton of Sparks, Nev., and Patricia and Steve Brown of Fremont; a sister, Maribelle Zimmerman of Racine, Minn.; nine grandchildren and one spouse, Eric and Jennifer Bruner of Boise, Idaho, Alisa Bruner of Spokane, Wash., Andrea and Matthew Domhoff of Rock Springs, Kim and Jeffery Fullerton of Sparks Nev., and Leslie, Holly, and Nicholas Brown of Fremont; and two great-grandchildren, Nathan and Natalie Bruner of Boise.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Deborah Davis officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola with military graveside services by the Angola American Legion Post No. 31.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital and the Alzheimer's Association..

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Vickie Petrie

ORLAND — Vickie L. Petrie, 54, of Orland died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007, at her residence.

Mrs. Petrie

Mrs. Petrie moved to the area in 1959 from Muncie.

She had worked for 18 years at Magnavox Corp. in Auburn as a group leader and later worked with the engineering department.

Mrs. Petrie was a member of the Avilla American Legion Post No. 240 Auxiliary.

Mrs. Petrie was born on Sept. 12, 1952, in Muncie to Keith J. and Barbara A. (Clevenger) Clevenger. They are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Brynn and Jeff Colin of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Matt and Shelly Butler of Avilla; five grandchildren; and a sister, Kathy Nelson of LaGrange. She was looking forward to the pending birth of another grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Benjie Butler.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor Mike Sassanella officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Orland Fire Department and the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Earnest Gose

STROH — Earnest Gose, 77, of Jeffersonville, Ky., and formerly of the Stroh area died Sunday, Sept. 2, 2007, at his home in Jeffersonville.

Mr. Gose

Mr. Gose had been employed with his brother at Doyle Gose Excavating out of Stroh. He had also worked at Newnam and Kendallville foundries.

He was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Mr. Gose loved to work in his yard and garden, and enjoyed fishing and traveling.

He was born in West Liberty, Ky., on May 24, 1930, to Asa Burn and Lillie (Davis) Gose. He first married Doris Mae Edwards on Nov. 5, 1949, and she died in September 1962. He then married Betty Lou Shepherd on Jan. 12, 1963, in South Milford and she survives in Jeffersonville.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, DeWayne Gose and Jeffrey Gose, both of Stroh, Ronnie and Deb Gose of Ashley and Dennis and Theresa Gose of Kenndallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Carolyn and Bob Lawson and Diana and Chuck Eaglebarger, all of Stroh, and Teresa Pickrell of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Doyle and Dorothy Gose of Stroh; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Christine Barker of LaGrange, Alene and Nick Koncz of Georgia and Thelma Moresy of Florida; 15 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by parents; two sons, Richard Dean Gose in 1962 and David Allen Gose in 1988; and a sister, Mildred Kimmell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley with the Rev. Eugene Haney officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be DeWayne, Ronnie, Jeff and Dennis Gose, Bob Lawson and Chuck Eaglebarger.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

View a video tribute (after Thursday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Doloris Peachy

KENDALLVILLE — Doloris Peachy of Kendallville died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Funeral arrangements set for WOWO's Bob Sievers

FORT WAYNE — Longtime WOWO radio personality Robert S. "Bob" Sievers, 90, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Sept. 3, 2007, at Riverbend Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sievers

A native of Fort Wayne, Mr. Sievers had worked at WOWO for 50 years.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and was a commander during World War II and the Korean War. He co-authored the first instructional manual for radar operations while in the Navy.

Mr. Sievers was a member of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, charter member of the Foster Park Lions Club and a board member of the S.P.C.A. and the Diehm Museum. He was also a member of the Fort Wayne Amateur Radio Club, the Naval Reserve of Fort Wayne and the Retired Officers Association.

Surviving are his wife, Harriet, of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Mal Davis of Wautoma, Wis., and Cynthia and Greg Fett of Toledo, Ohio; four granddaughters, Dana Schoof, Jennifer Fett, Lisa Fett and Lindsay and Jason Miller; and two great-grandchildren, Devin and Jade Miller.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Allen County S.P.C.A. or WOWO Penny Pitch Fund.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information.*

Ruth Landis

COLDWATER, Mich. — Ruth Landis, 94, of Coldwater, Mich., formerly of Fremont, died Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007, at The Laurels of Coldwater.

Ms. Landis lived in the Fremont area, moving to Coldwater in 1959. She was a 1930 graduate of Pleasant Lake High School. She enjoyed sewing and making quilts and had a green thumb when it came to her house plants. She loved animals, especially her cats. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family and was never far from home.

She was born on Dec. 1, 1912, in Pleasant Lake to Harry and Rhea (Shatto) Williams. She married Harold Landis on May 29, 1930. He preceded her in death in 1985.

She is survived by four sons and three daughters-in-law, Estle and Vicki Landis, David Landis and Martin and Janet Landis, all of Coldwater, and Paul and Debbie Landis of Quincy, Mich., two daughters and a son-in-law, JoAnn Barnes of Angola, and Julie and Dunn Marteen of Coldwater; a brother, Robert "Max" Williams, of Indianapolis; a sister and brother-in-law, Anna and Robert Jackson of Pleasant Lake; several nieces and nephews; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Fremont Cemetery in Fremont.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Branch County, Mich.

Arrangements are being handled by Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater.

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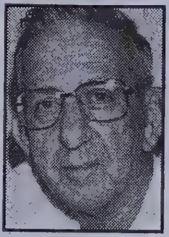
Donald Baird

KENDALLVILLE — Donald Eugene Baird, 76, of Kendallville died Monday, Sept. 3, 2007, at his home.


Mr. Baird

Mr. Baird was an owner-operator truck driver for many years. He had also worked as a mechanic with K&M Garage in Wolcottville for 12 years, as well as at MY Transport at Topeka for 12 years. For the past 20 years, he had repaired and restored antique furniture.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

Mr. Baird enjoyed woodworking and antique furniture repair and loved to go fishing and spend time with his dog, Sophie. He was known as a "people person." He always kept horses for his children to raise and ride.

He was born in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, on Jan. 8, 1931, to Ray and Hilda (Sherwood) Baird. He first married Velma Hileman and she died in 1984. He then married Helen Ethel Keck on Oct. 20, 1986, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Marilyn Baird of Wolcottville and Bobby and Tammy Baird of Brighton; three daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa and Jeff Sampson of Sturgis, Mich., Sarah Jane and Don Ritchie of Orland and Brenda and Randall Scott of Ontario, Ind.; seven stepdaughters and their husbands, Jan and Garey Bollinger of LaGrange, Nancy and Ken Helsel of Adams Lake, Linda and Richard Kreider of Dallas Lake, Kelly and Bill Ward, Marie and Dave Burchand and BJ and John Brown, all of Bryan, Ohio, and Sandra and Albert Babcock of Archbold, Ohio; 34 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Lyle and Martha Baird of Auburn, Larry and Kay Baird of Hicksville, Ohio, Jack and Cindy Baird of Topeka and Billy and Johanna Baird of Ligonier; and two sisters, Patty Pierce of Kendallville and Tarena Longsworth of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two infant sons, Donnie Gene and Eddie Baird; four brothers, Wilbur, Gary, Merlin and Dallas; and a sister, Evelyn Payton.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield and Harry Smith, deacon from First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. Pallbearers will be Adam Bollinger, Brandon Bollinger, Chad Helsel, Austin Burch, Buddy Babcock and Matthew Ward.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Preferred memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospice or to the First Baptist Church.

View a video tribute (after today) or send condolences to www.hitefuneralhome.com

Dawn Gary

ANGOLA — Dawn Cherie Gary, 43, of Angola died Monday, Sept. 3, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Gary

Mrs. Gary was a homemaker who formerly worked at Cam Shaft Machine Company in Orland.

She loved animals, especially taking care of her horses. She attended Prairie Heights High School.

She was born on Sept. 1, 1964, in Angola to John and Bonnie (Aaron) Book. Both survive. She married Tracy "Dude" Gary on Oct. 31, 1995, in Fremont. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Criss Henderson and his fiancee Tomi Rastetter of Kendallville, and Senior Airman Chad and Stacy Henderson of Moore, Okla.; three stepdaughters and a spouse, Christina and Sheldon Eicher of Fremont, Samantha Gary of Angola, and Victoria Gary of Fremont; two grandchildren, Lexie and Leiny; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Cheryl and Chad Hyska, and Tammy and Chip Wagner, all of Angola; a brother, John Book of Angola; and a grandmother-in-law, Sally Mingus of Fremont.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Gregory John Book.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Chupp officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Edward Coler

LAKE PANASOFFKEE, Fla. — Edward Elmer Coler, 82, of Lake Panasoffkee, Fla., died Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007, in Lake Panasoffkee.

He was the owner/operator of Buy-Rite stores and truck stops in Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Maryland and Indiana. He served in the Navy, on the U.S.S. Manlove No. 336.

He was a member of the VFW and American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Coler; a son, Gary Coler of Angola; a daughter, Debra Coler of Phoenix; a stepson, Charles Talor of Columbus, Ohio; four grandchildren, Megan and Casey Coler of Indianapolis, Lainie Mulvanney of Phoenix, and Marc Riffle of Spring Lake, N.C.; and a brother and sister-in-law, John and Jan Coler of Columbiana, Ohio.

Services will be held today at 2:30 p.m. at Florida National Cemetery, with the Rev. Warren Bennett officiating.

Calling will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today at Purcell Funeral Home in Bushnell, Fla.

Dale Stjernholm

Mr. Stjernholm

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Dale T. Stjernholm, 59, died Monday, Aug. 27, 2007, at his home in El Paso County near Colorado Springs.

Mr. Stjerholm was a senior mechanical engineer at Lockheed Martin.

He will be remembered as a creative man who loved cars, gadgets, skiing, golfing and sharing his faith in Christ.

He was born on Aug. 29, 1947, in La Junta, Colo., to William and Vera (Good) Stjernholm. His father survives and his mother is deceased.

He married Elaine Lee Shisler, daughter of John and Sharon Shisler of LaOtto, on Nov. 23, 1979. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Jacquelyn D. Stjernholm, Cora L. Stjernholm, Pauline S. Moorman, Lucille J. Stjernholm and Regina R. Stjernholm; a brother, Dr. Melvin Stjernholm; a sister, Dr. Judith Terrill; a son-in-law, Mathew Moorman; a grandson, Dylan Tyler Moorman; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at Tri-Lakes Chapel in Monument, Colo.

Memorials are to Tri-Lakes Chapel men's ministry or the Monument, Colo., YMCA.

Patricia Lee

Mrs. Lee

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Patricia Ann Lee, 61, of Steuben County died Friday, Aug. 31, 2007, at Ash Grove Health Care of Springfield, Mo.

She was born April 3, 1946, in Angola to Leon and Janice Creager. Her mother survives. Her father preceded her in death.

Also surviving are two daughters, Karen Lee of Angola and Sherry Stafford; four grandchildren, Ben and Brittany Townsond, and Ryan and Kyle Stafford; seven siblings and their families, Cecil Creager, Robert Creager, LuAnn Barnes, Dale Creager, Martha Adam, Roger Creager and Carol Circosta.

A private family memorial will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Clarence D. Huey, 81

CHURUBUSCO – Clarence D. Huey, 81, a former resident of Churubusco, died at 2:45 a.m. on Thursday, August 30, 2007, at Harborside Healthcare in New Haven. He had been a resident there for over three years.

Mr. Huey was born in Fort Wayne on December 6, 1925, a son of Herman H. and Lucille (Bryant) Huey, and spent his formative years there. As a young man he served with the U.S. Army during World War II, and following his military discharge was married in Fort Wayne to Marilyn R. Kapp on September 9, 1950.

The couple lived at Bear Lake and later at Burr Oak in Noble County before moving northwest of Churubusco in 1977.

A 28 year employee of International Harvester in Fort Wayne, he retired as a forklift operator in 1983. Along with his wife, he co-owned and operated the Lucky Huey Kennels for many years.

He was a member of the Northeast Indiana Kennel Club, the Columbia City American Legion Post 98, Disabled American Veterans, and Fort Wayne Veteran's of Foreign Wars.

Mrs. Huey preceded him in death on November 1, 2003.

Among the surviving relatives are two sons, Dean (Sharon) Huey of Fort Wayne and Charles Huey of Warsaw; a daughter, Teresa Kage of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; a step-grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Sheet & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. George Cecil, pastor of Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, Officiating.

Interment was in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne with military graveside rites by Columbia City American Legion Post 98.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Humane Society of Whitley County, P.O. Box 245, Columbia City, IN 46725.

In Memory of Starr Faith Johanns

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, gifts and words of encouragement as we mourn our loss.

We little knew that morning,
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
Once again the chain link
will be the same!

We have not lost you! You are in our hearts forever!
We love you and miss you terribly!

Virg Johanns
Pat & Mary Schaper
Lisa & Phil Richmond
Shari & Brian Shively
Rob & Stacey Schaper
Linda & Pee Wee Wilson
Tina Elliott
Joni & David Smith
Tim & Angie Schaper
James Johanns
Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

ALBION NEW ERA
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Diane Kay Thompson, 54

FORT WAYNE – Diane Kay Thompson, 54, died at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Columbia City on July 14, 1953, a daughter of Ernest Wilson and Helen A. (Redman) Rumsyre, she was reared in Washington Township and graduated with the Class of 1971 from Columbia City Joint High School.

She married Robert M. Thompson on July 18, 1970, at Washington Center United Methodist Church, rural Whitley County

She first worked at Bond Flex Company as a spray room operator for many years and was currently employed at Dexter Axle, Albion, as a machine operator for the past five years.

A dedicated mother and grandmother, she found her most joy within her family.

Survivors include three children, Robert Micheal (Brenda) Thompson of South Whitley; Chad David (Tabitha) Thompson of Albion and Amber Kay (Matthew) Joley of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; a brother, Larry W. (Sandy) Rumsyre of Columbia City; two sisters, Elaine A. (Ralph) Burns of Columbia City, and her twin, Liane F. (Larry) Creech of Columbia City; and her former husband, Robert M. Thompson of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant brother, David Allen Rumsyre.

The funeral was at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Dale Moser of Gospel Land Christian Center, officiating. Burial was at Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Thompson's memory to American Cancer Society, in care of Breast Cancer Research. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences, to sign the family guest register book or to light a memorial candle, log onto www.demoneygrimes.com.

Mildred M. McCoy, 86

KENDALLVILLE – Mildred M. McCoy, age 86, of Kendallville, passed away on Wednesday at her daughter's residence in Kendallville.

Mrs. McCoy was born in Fort Wayne on September 25, 1920 to Alva J. and Alice Anna (Moore) Bryant.

She married Gerald A. McCoy on October 20, 1939 in Fort Wayne.

She retired from Tokhiem in Albion after 7 years and prior to that, worked at Haffner's Variety Store in Kendallville for 13 years.

Mrs. McCoy was an avid I.U. basketball fan and she loved watching Chicago Cubs Baseball.

She enjoyed visits with her family and also watching the birds outside her window at home.

Survivors include: three daughters, Joyce Carpenter of Albion, Donna Hardy of South Bend, and Glenda Stevens of Kendallville; 16 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren and 8 great great grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Lisa McCoy of Avilla; two sisters-in-law, Patty (McCoy) Uhl of Nashville, Tennessee and Luella Bryant of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. McCoy was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gerald A. McCoy, February of 1988; and a son, Larry D. McCoy, March of 2006.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Herman, Carl, Wayne, Dale, Donald, Earl, Delmer and Gerald Bryant and sisters, Nellie Wendt, Bessie Hull and Irene Nisse.

At Mildred's request there was a graveside funeral service at Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla, with Rev. Ken Weaver.

Burial was at Hooper-King Cemetery.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospice.

No Visitation scheduled.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Walter Edward Harroff, 89

GOSHEN – Walter Edward Harroff, 89, died September 3, 2007, at Greencroft in Goshen. He was born September 21, 1917, to Wilbur and Juanita (Miltenberger) Harroff in Kimmell. He was a descendent of the Miltenberger family, pioneers in Elkhart County three generations before him. He graduated from Manchester College in 1939 and married Elma (Bowers) in 1940.

He taught school for several years at Monroe and at Osceola before serving in the United States Navy during World War II. He served as a Pharmist's Mate Second Class at San Diego and at the United States Naval Hospital in Oakland where he also played sousaphone in the post band under Captain Dearing. After the war he returned to Elkhart County where he served for more than thirty-seven years in the Indiana Employment Security Division, retiring in 1980 as the Elkhart area office manager.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 143 of Elkhart. He also was a fifty-year member of Tyrian Lodge 718 of the F & AM, and the Scottish Rite of South Bend and Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne. An avid student of Civil War history and of the American frontier, in his later years he was able to travel extensively to national parks in the West and in Alaska.

He was preceded in death by his wife. He is survived by his sister, Betty (Elmer) Phend of Goshen; two sons, Stephen (Susan) Harroff of Auburn and William (Charlotte) Harroff of Edwardsville, IL; two daughters, Vicki (D. Randall) Junkins of Downingtown, PA and Cynthia (William) Karn of Goshen; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Yoder Culp Funeral Home on Friday, September 7, 2007, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Funeral services will be at Creekside Church of the Brethren at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 8, with visitation one hour in advance. Burial in Violett Cemetery in Goshen. Memorials to Mizpah Shrine Hospital for Children or Creekside Church of the Brethren.

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Lilah Steele

WABASH — Lilah Mae Steele, 85, of Wabash died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor West in Wabash.

She was a nurses' aide for 17 years at the Wabash County Hospital.

She was a member of the Wabash Church of Christ and spent her leisure time making quilts and made a total of 17 over the years.

She was born Oct. 14, 1921, in Steuben County to Russell and Martha (Chipman) McClish. She married Carl Steele in South Whitley on Oct. 28, 1945. He died Sept. 1, 2001.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Anna Trisler of Wabash, and Rebecca and Steve Franks of Ashley; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Mireya Steele of Mission, Texas; a sister, Mary Gaston of Montpelier, Ohio; seven grandchildren and three spouses, Julie Steele of Mission, Amy and Jacob Gamez of Atlanta, Jennifer and Eric Hofherr of Yorktown, Deborah and Juan Olivarez of Mission, Matthew Franks of Spartanburg, S.C., Joel Franks of Ashley, and Erica Steele of Mission; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a granddaughter, Emilie Franks; and two brothers, Vaughn and Glenn McClish.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Wabash Church of Christ, with the Rev. Guy Provance officiating. Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery in South Whitley.

Calling will be two hours before the service at the church.

Memorials are to the Sunny Glen Children's Home in San Benito, Texas.

Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service in Wabash is handling arrangements.

A memorial guest book may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Nila Burkey

SOUTH BEND — Nila I. Burkey, 89, of South Bend and formerly of LaGrange died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

Mrs. Burkey had been a life-long resident of LaGrange County until moving to Southfield Village Assisted Living in South Bend in 2004. She had attended schools in South Milford, Woodruff and Valentine and graduated in 1936 from Wolcottville High School.

Mrs. Burkey

She and her husband farmed in Bloomfield and Greenfield townships for 41 years before retiring to Dallas Lake. The couple were active in the Brighton Chapel Brethren Church and LaGrange First Church of God.

She was born Nov. 15, 1917, in Johnson Township, LaGrange County, to Francis Warren and Laura H. (Sailors) Ringler.

While growing up, she attended Valentine Methodist Church where she met Lendel E. Burkey, whom she married on March 25, 1939. He died in 1999.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Frederick T. and Marilyn Burkey of Westerville, Ohio, and Lendel E. and Trudy Burkey of Goshen; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria A. and Gary Southward of Harrisburg, N.C., and Mary L. and Donald Aschenbrenner of Lakeville; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Laura Bowdish and Joan and Richard Rossman, all of Sturgis, Mich., and Helen Busk of Reed City, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Evelyn Ringler of Wolcottville; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at LaGrange First Church of God in LaGrange with Pastor Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Wolcottville Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home at LaGrange.

Memorials are to LaGrange First Church of God, 777 N. Detroit St., LaGrange, IN.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Lila Word

ANGOLA — Lila L. Word, 83, of Angola died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Word

Mrs. Word was a retired telephone operator and supervisor at the GTE Phone Co. in Angola.

She was a 1941 graduate of Scott Center High School. She enjoyed her cats, peacocks, gardening and also helped to work on the family farm.

She was born March 20, 1924, in Scott Township to John and Iva (Wilkinson) Tasker. She married Carlton "Tubby" Word on March 7, 1944, in Angola. He survives.

She is also survived by six nieces and nephews, Shirley, Jerry, Roger, Bobby, Delores and Jonni.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Dorothy Bice; and a brother, Herman Swick.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Alan Word officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will begin three hours before the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include more information.*

Ruth Landis

COLDWATER, Mich. — Ruth Landis, 94, of Coldwater, Mich., formerly of Fremont, died Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007, at The Laurels of Coldwater.

Mrs. Landis

Ms. Landis lived in the Fremont area, moving to Coldwater in 1959. She was a 1930 graduate of Pleasant Lake High School. She enjoyed sewing and making quilts and had a green thumb when it came to her house plants. She loved animals, especially her cats. She enjoyed cooking and baking for her families. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family and was never far from home.

She was born on Dec. 1, 1912, in Pleasant Lake to Harry and Rhea (Shatto) Williams. She married Harold Landis on May 29, 1930. He preceded her in death in 1985.

She is survived by four sons and three daughters-in-law, Estle and Vicki Landis, David Landis and Martin and Janet Landis, all of Coldwater, and Paul and Debbie Landis of Quincy, Mich., two daughters and a son-in-law, JoAnn Barnes of Angola, and Julie and Dunn Marteen of Coldwater; a brother, Robert "Max" Williams, of Indianapolis; a sister and brother-in-law, Anna and Robert Jackson of Pleasant Lake; several nieces and nephews; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Jim and John Landis.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Fremont Cemetery in Fremont, with the Rev. Kevin Landis officiating.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Branch County, Mich.

Arrangements are being handled by Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater.

THE NEWS SUN
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Jacqueline Aalbregtse

LAFAYETTE — Former educator Jacqueline Sue "Jackie" Aalbregtse, 56, of Lafayette died at 1:04 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007, at Home Hospital in Lafayette.

Ms. Aalbregtse had moved to Lafayette three years ago from Syracuse where she was the former co-owner and operator of Village Florist. She had moved to Syracuse in 1989 from the Auburn and Avilla areas.

She had been an elementary and junior high school teacher at Avilla and Marion and a substitute teacher for the Westview and Wawasee school systems. She had also been employed by Maple Leaf Farms in Milford.

Ms. Aalbregtse graduated from Adams Central High School in Monroe in 1969 and from Taylor University in 1973. She received her master's degree from the University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the North Webster Church of God.

She was born June 16, 1951, in Decatur to Paul D. and Donna Lou (Crist) Nussbaum. They survive in Berne.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Alysha and John Wachtman of Rochester; a son and daughter-in-law, Spencer and Danielle Aalbregtse of Lafayette; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Barb and Rick Minnich of Decatur and Teresa Nussbaum of Shawneetown, Ill.; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ray Cemetery, 1044 W. S.R. 124, Monroe, with Anita Rediger, chaplain at Swiss Village, officiating.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse.

Memorials are to the Huntington's Disease Society of America, Indiana Chapter, P.O. Box 2101, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Chloe Crossley

ANGOLA — Chloe Sophia Crossley, 86, of Angola died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007, at her home in Angola.

Mrs. Crossley worked at ILC Products of Fremont.

She enjoyed traveling with family and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She was born Sept. 21, 1920, in Corunna to James and Minnie (Sipe) Ober. Both preceded her in death. She was married to Joseph Crossley. He died on Jan. 6, 1973.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Penny Crossley of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Ladonia and Dave Olmstead of Angola; seven grandchildren and two of their spouses, Jessica and Jalenne Olmstead, Janelle and Dan Julis, Lynnea and Mitchell Crossley, Amy Salyer, and Trisha and Jim Rice; and seven great-grandchildren, Logan, Cody, Ashton, Jorian, Shaden, Dalaney and Madysen.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph and Sherman Ober; and a sister, Mabel Spinner.

An informal memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Salem Center Fire Department, with a meal to follow the service. Those attending are asked to bring a passing dish.

Memorials are to the Salem Center Fire Department.

Arrangements are by the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

THE NEWS SUN
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September 6, 2007, Thursday

Doloris Peachy

KENDALLVILLE — Doloris Ruth Peachy, 79, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Peachy

Mrs. Peachy was a homemaker.

She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist.

She was born near Helmer in DeKalb County on Dec. 5, 1927, to Henry and Clara (Hovarter) Gardner, and graduated from Ashley High School in 1945.

She married Willis E. Peachy on April 5, 1947, in Kendallville. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Jean Peachy of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Dennis Moore of Danville, Ky.; and eight grandchildren and their spouses, Kim and John McIntrye of Lexington, Ky., Matthew and Nikki Moore of Bowling Green, Ky., Jennifer and Robbie Ellis of Gravel Switch, Ky., Rebekah and David Baker of Lexington, Lisa and Jared Olivetti of West Lafayette, Zachary Peachy of Pittsburgh, Pa., Tamara Peachy of Fort Wayne and Deborah Peachy of Los Angeles, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Hilda Leighty; and a brother, Warren Gardner.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville. Pallbearers will be her grandchildren.

Calling will be from 3:30-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist.

Condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

David Coil

ALBION — David W. Coil, 38, of Albion died at 6:20 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3, 2007, at his rural Albion home.

Mr. Coil was a lifetime Albion area resident. He was a 1987 graduate of Central Noble High School and had attended Indiana University for one year and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne for one year.

He had been employed at CNA Tool in Churubusco and a CNC operator. He also worked part-time as a security guard at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Coil loved NASCAR and was a huge Jeff Gordon fan. He also loved trucks, die casts and his dog, Keeto.

He was a member of the Sons of the Legion at Albion American Legion Post 242.

He was born April 26, 1969, in Noble County to Robert G. and Helen Marcelle (Elser) Coil. They survive in Albion.

Also surviving are his aunts and uncles, Alberta and Dennis Coil, Jim Coil, Harold Coil, Charles and Marjorie Elser, Richard and Roberta Elser, Patricia Elser Frymier, Elizabeth Elser Shellman, James and Ann Elser and Peggy Elser, and many cousins.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Trinity United Methodist Church, 706 N. Orange St., Albion, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 6, 2007, Thursday

Ohio Rep. Gillmor found dead in his apartment Wednesday

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ohio Rep. Paul Gillmor, a Republican whose political career covered four decades, has died, party officials said.

"Born, raised and educated in our home state of Ohio, Paul never lost sight of the reason he came to Congress — to serve this great institution and his constituents with dedication and distinction," House Republican Leader John Boehner, also of Ohio, said in a statement.

"With the passing of Paul Gillmor, the people of northwest Ohio have lost a favorite son," said House Republican Conference Chairman Adam Putnam, R-Fla.

The body of the 68-year-old congressman was found by staff members who went to his apartment Wednesday after he failed to show up for work, according to a Republican aide who spoke on condition of anonymity pending an official announcement.There was no immediate word on the cause of his death.

Gillmor's office did not respond to a reporter's call.

Gillmor had been in Ohio last week to attend a series of town meetings and tour areas of the state that were hit hard by flooding. "His sudden passing is a shock to us all and he will be greatly missed," Ohio House Speaker Jon Husted said in a statement.

Gillmor, who represented Ohio's heavily Republican 5th District in the Bowling Green area, was first elected to Congress in 1988.

He served as a Vietnam War-era judge advocate in the Air Force after graduating law school, won a seat in the Ohio state senate in 1966, and served there for 22 years, rising to the senate presidency. After an unsuccessful run for governor in 1986, Gillmor was elected to the U.S. House in 1988 after eking out a 27-vote victory in the primary.

As a House member he was a little-known but solid Republican vote, a reliable conservative on social issues, and a strong proponent of the military.

He led legislative efforts in such areas as cleanups of commercially contaminated sites known as brownfields and enacting financial service reforms. He was also a strong advocate of a constitutional amendment to ban unfunded mandates on the states.

He is survived by his wife, Karen, and five children.

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Phyllis Willard

BUTLER — Phyllis M. Willard, 73, died Sunday at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Willard retired from Universal Tool in Butler on March 31, 1994, after 29 years of service. She was a member of Christ's Church in Butler.

She was born Feb. 2, 1934, in DeKalb County to Curtis and Flora Mae (Clear) Henderson. They preceded her in death.

She married John Willard on Sept. 6, 1953, in Waterloo. He died Dec. 20, 1981.

Surviving are two sons, Henry Willard of Cromwell and Aaron Willard of Butler; a foster son, Tom Haupert of Butler; a daughter, Ida Fender of Butler; two foster daughters, Susie Demorest of Angola and Juneva Hefty of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; seven foster grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, two sisters and one grandson.

Services were today at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Dale Rabineau officiated. Burial was in Big Run Cemetery near Butler.

Memorials are to Christ's Church.

THE NEWS SUN
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September 7, 2007, Friday

Rev. Glenn Stansbury

LAGRANGE — Rev. Glenn A. Stansbury, 80, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to clarify information.*

Lila Word

ANGOLA — Lila L. Word, 83, of Angola, died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Word

Mrs. Word was a retired telephone operator and supervisor at the GTE Phone Co. in Angola.

She was a 1941 graduate of Scott Center High School. She enjoyed her cats, peacocks, gardening and also helped to work on the family farm.

She was born March 20, 1924, in Scott Township to John and Iva (Wilkinson) Tasker. She married Carlton "Tubby" Word on March 7, 1944, in Angola. He survives.

She is also survived by six nieces and nephews, Shirley Dudeck, Jerry Bice, Roger Swick, Bobby Swick, Delores Wygant and Jonni Marshall.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Dorothy Bice; and a brother, Herman Swick.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Alan Word officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will begin three hours before the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Lois Griffiths

KENDALLVILLE — Lois H. Griffiths, 102, of Kendallville died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mrs. Griffiths

A former Angola resident, Mrs. Griffiths was a billing clerk at Steuben County REMC in Angola and farmed with her husband.

She was involved with Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, Women's Circle at Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, and was a former member of the University Wives Card Club. She made many lap quilts for nursing homes and afghans for grandchildren. She enjoyed singing with an all-female chorus, gardening and sewing.

She was born May 4, 1905, in Toledo, Ohio, to Charles and Lena (Mueller) Moll. On April 16, 1927, she married Byron R. Griffiths, who preceded her in death Nov. 13, 1973.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Russell and Louann Griffiths of Fort Wayne, Sam and Emma Griffiths of Angola and William Griffiths of Middlesex, N.J.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Richard Pettyjohn of Phoenix, Ariz., and Barbara and Larry Erickson of Montgomery, Texas; one nephew and niece-in-law, Burton and Mary White of Oregon, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and one sister.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola with the Rev. David Doane officiating. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church and Shepherd of the Hill.

Patrick Wright

KENDALLVILLE — Patrick Wright, 51, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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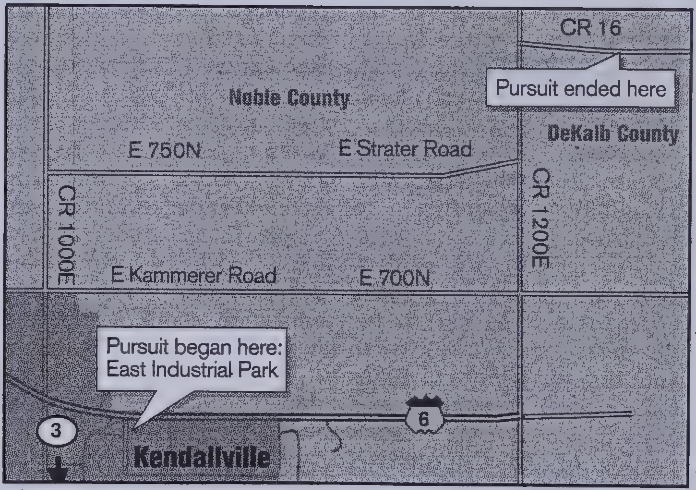
Standoff ends in suicide

Suspect allegedly shot at Kendallville police officer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ERIN DOUCETTE

An incident which began at Kendallville's East Industrial Park at approximately 3 a.m. today turned into a standoff on C.R. 16 in DeKalb County. The suspect involved in the pursuit allegedly shot at police, then later took his own life.

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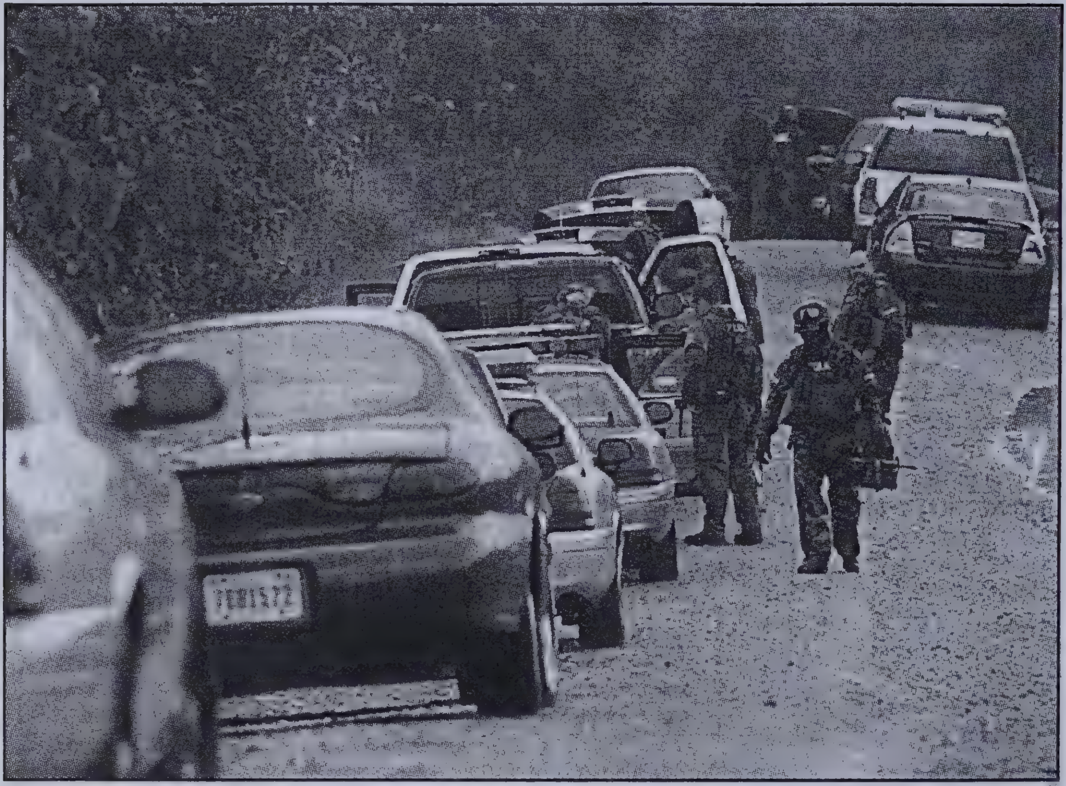

ANDY BARRAND

SWAT team members return to their vehicles after a standoff between a DeKalb County man and multiple police agencies ended this morning on C.R. 16 near the Noble-DeKalb county line. The man allegedly killed himself after earlier shooting at a Kendallville police officer.

BY MATT GETTS
AND DENNIS NARTKER

KENDALLVILLE — A standoff northeast of Kendallville between police and a suspect who allegedly shot at an officer early this morning ended with the man taking his own life, police said.

Police surrounded a residence on DeKalb C.R. 16 near the DeKalb-Noble county line shortly after 3 a.m. after a subject barricaded himself there after allegedly shooting at a Kendallville police officer.

Avilla Town Marshal Glen Wills, working as a reserve officer for the city, was not injured.

Police from multiple agencies quickly surrounded the residence at 0358 C.R. 16 in DeKalb County after the shooting was reported. The standoff lasted more than five hours.

"We did find an individual in the residence and he was deceased," Kendallville Police Chief Rob Wiley said at 9:15 a.m. today.

Wiley confirmed the man found is believed to be the man who shot at Wills. Wiley declined to tell how the man killed himself, and said the suspect's identity is being withheld pending notification of relatives.

The incident began when Wills reported a vehicle was failing to stop at 2:56 a.m. today on U.S. 6 near Progress Drive West on the city's east side. A pursuit ensued, and entered DeKalb County.

The vehicle being pursued

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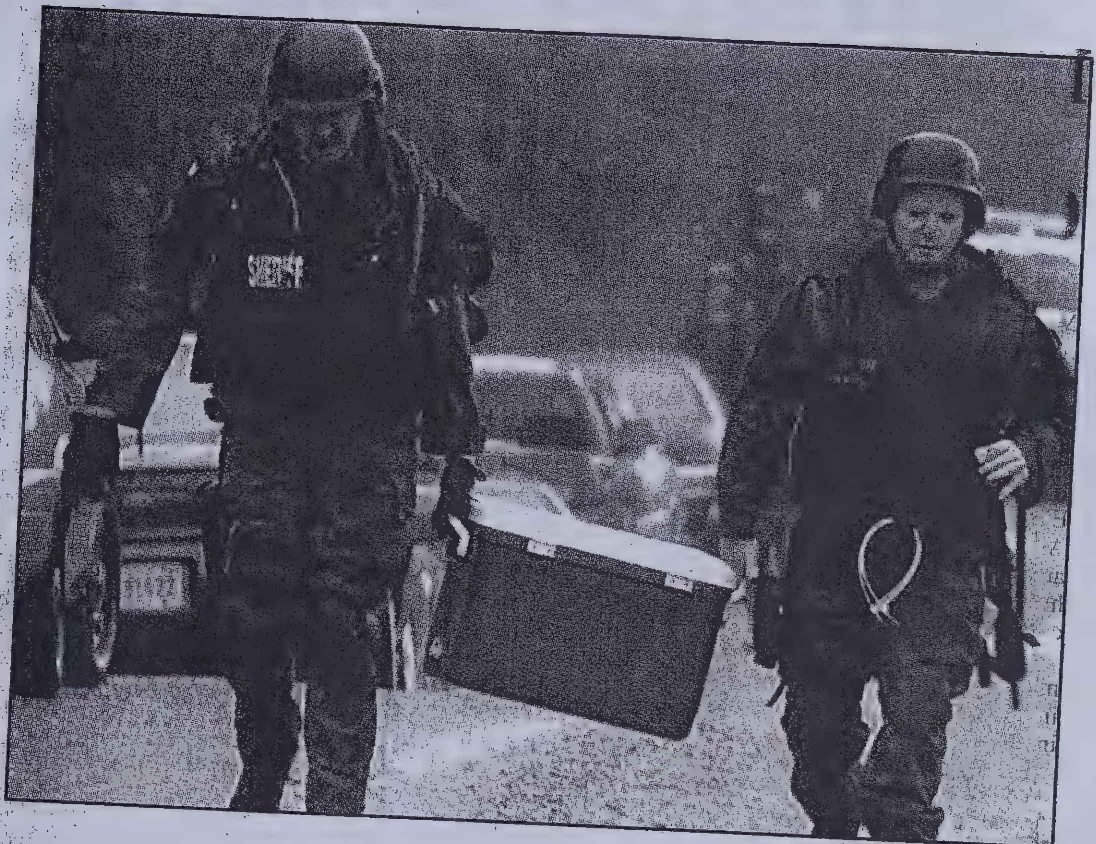

ANDY BARRAND

Police officers return equipment to their vehicle after today's standoff on C.R. 16 in DeKalb County.

STANDOFF: *Officers did not return fire at suspect*

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ended up at the 0358 C.R. 16 address approximately one half mile into DeKalb County. At 3:03 a.m., three shots were allegedly fired at the Kendallville officer from a rifle.

"The individual pulled up to the residence," Wiley said. "When Officer Wills attempted to leave his vehicle, the individual… fired more than one round at him."

According to Wiley, the suspect then allegedly fled back into his residence.

Wiley said it is not believed that police returned fire.

By that time, a second officer had arrived to assist, and both officers backed off. The Noble County Special Operations Group SWAT team was activated at 3:08 a.m.

Police present at the scene included units from DeKalb, Noble, LaGrange and Steuben counties, the Indiana State Police and the Kendallville, Waterloo and Auburn police departments.

Police closed S.R. 327 east of the incident. School buses were rerouted away from the area, and nearby neighbors attempting to return to their homes were turned back as police secured the area. County Road 16 in DeKalb County was closed east of Noble County's C.R. 1200N.

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Shooter's actions stump police

ANDY BARRAND

DeKalb County Coroner Jeff Warner, DeKalb County Sheriff's Sgt. Larry Kees and Indiana State Police crime scene technician Mike Trittipo, from left, work outside a residence occupied by Rick Russell on C.R. 16 near Corunna Friday morning. During a standoff with police, Russell took his own life. Members of the Northeast Indiana SWAT team were called in Friday morning to try to talk Russell out of the residence.

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Man who killed himself had future plans, but was confused, friend says

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CORUNNA — From an outsider's perspective, Richard "Rick" Russell seemed to have a lot to live for.

He was just 28. He had a job at the Courier publishing company in Kendallville. He had just purchased his home and told friends he was anxious to get it fixed up.

But inside, a friend said, Russell was hurting.

Police are still at a loss as to what caused Russell to lead police on a high-speed chase from Kendallville to his rural Corunna home at 0358 C.R. 16, a half-mile east of the DeKalb-Noble county line at approximately 3 a.m. Friday.

Once at his residence, Russell got out of his vehicle and allegedly fired multiple shots at Avilla Town Marshal Glen Wills, who was working a part-time shift for the city. The bullets missed Wills.

A standoff ensued, and police said at some point Russell turned the weapon on himself. His body was discovered by SWAT team members at approximately 9 a.m.

Russell had no criminal record, according to Kendallville Police Chief Rob Wiley and DeKalb County Sheriff John Dennis.

Police are still trying to piece together what may have led to Russell's decision to flee when Wills attempted to pull over his vehicle for speeding and driving erratically on U.S. 6 near Kendallville's East Industrial Park at 2:56 a.m.

"There was some reason he did not stop for us," Wiley said. "We don't want to speculate on why he did not stop."

Police have pieced together some of Russell's activities earlier that evening.

Russell had been helping drywall a friend's home in rural DeKalb County. He left with another friend at approximately 1:30 a.m., according to Wiley.

Russell stopped at two bars police know of, according to Kendallville Detective Jerry Raney.

Less than 90 minutes later, Russell apparently was headed home on U.S. 6 when Wills attempted to stop him.

Russell made a phone call in the interim, according to a friend.

At 2 a.m., Russell called his best friends and neighbors, the Winelands, who lived down the road, but they did not hear the phone and the answering machine picked it up.

Nicole Wineland cried as she recounted the events of the last 24 hours. She wondered if things could have ended differently if she or her husband, Shannon, had heard the phone ring.

"He was confused," Wineland said. "If only we had answered the phone."

Wineland did not say what Russell said in the final hours of his life, but did say, "He called to say goodbye."

Shannon and Russell worked together at Courier in Kendallville for

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STANDOFF: *Friend says Russell was dealing with hurts in his life*

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the past year and became close friends, Nicole Wineland said.

"There were a lot of things going on (in Rick's life). He was divorced within the last year and he lost a younger brother two years ago, which he still had a hard time dealing with," Wineland said. "He didn't talk about it much."

Russell transferred with Courier from his home in Canada last year and was soon transferred to the maintenance department, where he met Shannon Wineland, and the two became buddies.

"He was at our house a lot. I think he liked being in a family," Nicole Wineland said. "He really liked this area and had just bought the house down the road a few weeks ago. He was excited about remodeling the home."

The Winelands are also remodeling their home and Nicole Wineland said Russell often came home with her husband after work and the two would work on the house until midnight.

"He was a very nice guy who helped anytime someone needed help," Wineland said, crying softly. "We will miss him."

Russell has family in Canada, including an 8-year-old son, and in Kokomo, where his father serves as the chaplain for the Kokomo Police Department.

Russell was at the Winelands late Thursday evening and was very excited and making future plans to go hunting with Shannon Wineland. "He explained that you can't own guns in Canada and he was so excited to be living here so he could buy a gun and go hunting," Wineland said.

Russell was a member of Grace Christian Church in Kendallville and often went to church services with the Winelands, who also were members. "He was a Christian, a good man. That's what I want people to know about him," Wineland said.

Police also released more details of the pursuit and standoff.

According to Wiley, Wills pursued Russell's vehicle eastbound on U.S. 6 from Progress Drive West to S.R. 327 in DeKalb County. Russell turned northbound onto S.R. 327, then eastbound on C.R. 16.

Russell's home sits next to the edge of the road, and Wiley said Wills pulled his vehicle up next to his house.

Russell had already exited his vehicle when Wills stopped approximately 50 feet away and got out of his police cruiser. Wiley said as Wills got out of his vehicle, Russell pointed a 9 mm rifle at him. Wills saw muzzle flashes and took cover.

Wills and the second officer at the scene, Kendallville Patrolman Doug Davis, backed away from the scene.

Wiley said they heard three or four more shots, then left their police cruisers in the road, seeking cover behind some trees to the west of the drive Russell had entered.

"They heard one more shot a short time later," Wiley said.

Wiley said it is not known if that was the shot that took Russell's life.

Police did not return fire, Wiley said.

Police from multiple agencies quickly converged on the scene, and police attempted to contact Russell numerous times during the course of the morning.

At approximately 7:30 a.m., SWAT teams shot a chemical agent into the home. After another volley of chemical agents a short time later, police were able to insert a camera into the home.

"It showed him in one of the rooms with no movement," Wiley said.

A SWAT team made entry into the home a short time later and confirmed that Russell was dead. He was found still holding the rifle he had used to shoot at Wills.

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Patrick Wright

KENDALLVILLE — Patrick Eugene "Pops" Wright, 50, of Kendallville, died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Wright

Mr. Wright was employed at Applebee's in Kendallville and was an entrepreneur of odd jobs.

He formerly attended First Christian Church and more recently CrossPointe Family Church, both of Kendallville. He enjoyed reading, watching movies, history and fishing. He volunteered his time at The Wreck. Christian ministry was dear to his heart and passion. He was a caring and compassionate person who loved listening to music and gardening.

He was born in Leavenworth, Kan., on Oct. 9, 1956, to Elmer Eugene and Jean Marie (Joyce) Wright. His mother preceded him in death. His father survives.

He is also survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Heather Marie and Kory Knight of Glenwood Springs, Colo., and Jamie Leigh Wright of Kendallville; two sons, Jeremy Shain McDonald of Kendallville and Shane Patrick Hicks of Leavenworth; three grandsons, Matthieus, Mikiah and Malachi McDonald; a granddaughter, Kyla Hicks; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael and Linda Wright of St. Joe, Mo., and Danny and Debbie Wright, and Bill and Dani Wright, all of Leavenworth; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Rita Wright and Mary and John Colon, all of Leavenworth; a close cousin, Craig Hill of Kansas City, Mo., along with many other cousins; 14 nieces and nephews; and friends at The Wreck.

He was also preceded in death by his adoptive father, Everett Sparks.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at First Christian Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. An additional service will be held Saturday, Sept. 15, at his sister's home in Leavenworth.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the family, care of Hite Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

Condolences are to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Bertha Dean

GARRETT — Bertha E. Dean, 87, of Auburn, died Friday, Sept. 7, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Services are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

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Carlyle Pio

PAYNE, Ohio — Carlyle W. "Bud" Pio, formerly of Corunna, died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007 at Paulding County (Ohio) Hospital where he had been a patient for six days.

Mr. Pio was the founder of Pio Markets in Fort Wayne.

He spent some of his retirement years at Pretty Lake in northeastern Indiana and Avon Park, Fla. He was a private pilot and a charter member of the first Flying Club at Smith Field in Fort Wayne and was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Fort Wayne Aviation Museum.

He was born May 30, 1912, in Payne, Ohio, to William and Myrtle (Skinner) Pio. He spent his childhood in Payne, and the last year of his life. He was married to Catherine Genevieve (Jones). She preceded him in death in 1977.

Surviving are daughters Barbara Gorney of Fort Wayne and Sue Kratzman of Corunna; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; an older sister, Cecile Neuenschwander of Payne; a brother, Robert Pio of Avon Park, Fla.; and an uncle, Russell Skinner of Fort Wayne.

He was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Don Gorney, in 1977.

Services will be Sunday at 3 p.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home.

Calling will be two hours before the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to EAA Chapter 2, Young Eagles.

To sign the guest book, visit www.covingtonmemorial.com.

Helen Tolles

ANGOLA — Helen M. Tolles, 87, of Angola, formerly of Toledo, Ohio, died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007, in Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Tolles worked as a beautician out of her home, and was also a former cashier at Kroger's.

She enjoyed shopping, sewing and baking.

She was born in Waldron, Mich., on Aug. 1, 1920, to Clarence and Georgia Coleman. Both preceded him in death. She was married to William Tolles, who also preceded her in death.

She is survived by a daughter, Diane Hill; a sister, Gladys Hoover; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Joan Beuchler.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Walker Funeral Home in Toledo. Burial will be in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park.

Calling will be two hours before the service at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.walkerfuneralhomes.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Educator Gene Rhodes touched many lives

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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His impact on local education was immense. His community-mindedness was no less remarkable.

Eugene Neal Rhodes touched the lives of thousands of people.

“All Gene and I wanted was to see students do their best and become good citizens,” his wife Virginia “Ginny” Rhodes told me last week.

Mr. Rhodes, 76, died Friday, Aug. 31, 2007, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

He was a principal at East Noble High School from 1972 to 1980, one of only six in the school’s history, and a principal, health and biology teacher and a basketball and baseball head coach at Kendallville High School.

“I was hired in 1974 by Gene to teach at East Noble High School after graduating from Michigan State University,” said East Noble teacher Don Manger. “He was a great mentor for me as a young teacher, and we always shared our love for MSU.” Mr. Rhodes was a 1953 graduate of Michigan State University, a member of MSU’s basketball team (coached by Hall of Fame honoree Pete Newell), Army ROTC and Sigma Nu Fraternity. He was a graduate assistant and earned his master’s degree in education and mycology at MSU.

“As a new teacher I was not afraid of him, rather I knew I could go to him for any type of help,” said Manger. “In later years he always wanted to know how my family was doing. He was really a great leader of his staff and an innovator.”

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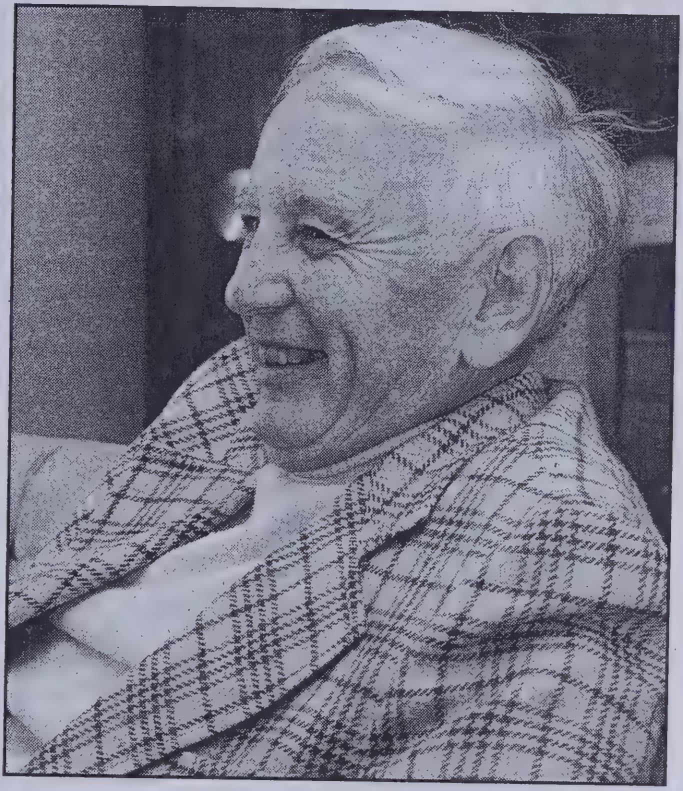
Eugene and Virginia Rhodes.



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Eugene Rhodes 1931-2007

Mr. Rhodes was the ESEA Title III Project Coordinator instituting flexible modular scheduling before he replaced the late Royal Tritch as East Noble High School principal. He also spearheaded the National Demonstration School project, hosting hundreds of national and international visitors to the school.

His innovative ideas were included in the new East Noble High School that opened in the fall of 1966.

“Gene was instrumental in the start up of East Noble High School and the modular scheduling system,” said retired East Noble principal Rich Anderson. Mr. Rhodes was a big promoter of East Noble High School in uniting all parts of eastern Noble County (Avilla, Rome City and Kendallville) into one high school, he added.

Anderson came to East Noble High School in 1967 to teach social studies, and credits Mr. Rhodes with allowing the social studies teachers to develop new elective classes and try a variety of teaching ideas.

Mr. Rhodes’ innovative ideas led East Noble High School to being named as Indiana’s Pacemaker in educational improvement in 1968 in a nationwide school recognition project sponsored by the National Education Association (N.E.A.) and Parade magazine. At the 105th annual N.E.A. covention in 1968 the high school was given a citation for its flexible programming which emphasized innovation and independent study. East Noble also received special recognition from the Kettering Foundation as being one of the nation’s most thoughtfully innovative schools in 1968.

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For Anderson, who served as East Noble High School principal from 1983 to 2000, Mr. Rhodes was his early mentor and one who got him into school administration.

Freshmen entered East Noble in the fall of 1972. Oren Skinner was the new assistant principal and Mr. Rhodes soon realized he needed more administrative help. He asked Anderson, an East Noble teacher at the time, to join the administrative team.

"Gene said to me 'give it a try and if you don't like it you can go back into the classroom next fall,'" said Anderson. "I highly respected him and greatly appreciated the opportunity he gave me to get involved in administration."

Retired East Noble teacher and coach Fred Inniger said Mr. Rhodes had a passion for excellence in everything he did. "He wanted everyone to do the very best they could and would push people to set high goals and expectations."

Both Anderson and Inniger said Mr. Rhodes had a kind heart.

"He was a people person who cared about the whole person and was a father, teacher, coach, counselor, motivator and cheerleader to his students, players and staff," said Inniger.

"He encouraged students to become involved both in the classroom and in extra curricular activities. He wanted them to have a complete school experience," said Anderson.

After serving as principal, Mr. Rhodes was a health teacher at the high school until his retirement. He was an educator for 34 years.

He was a member of the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., and honorably discharged as a first lieutenant before his career in education. He was also an award-winning sales representative for Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Outside of education, Mr. Rhodes was involved in community endeavors. He established Little League baseball in Kendallville and helped construct the Garden Street ball diamonds.

As a longtime member and president of the Kendallville Lions Club, he helped start the "Band-O-Rama" marching band competition in Kendallville.

He was the initial chief of judges for the Indiana State Science Fair, and a volunteer for the International Science and Engineering Fair.

Mr. Rhodes loved gardening, and was always bringing in things to school he had grown, like flowers, recalled Anderson.

Mr. Rhodes was one of the originators of the Wednesday Night Card group that included other former East Noble school teachers and administrators like John Reed, Bill Abbs, Wendell Beck, Dale Reade, Bob Czupryn, Inniger and Anderson.

On a personal note, when I returned to Kendallville from teaching in Australia in August 1976, I had few teaching job prospects but learned an English teaching position was open to me at the high school. I have no doubt Mr. Rhodes was instrumental in giving me the opportunity to teach at my high school alma mater.

At the end of the school year when I was offered a graduate teaching assistantship at Ball State University in the journalism department, I remember shaking with emotion going into Mr. Rhodes' office to inform him. He encouraged me to "go for it" and pursue a post-graduate degree. His support gave me the confidence to move on.

In his later years, after undergoing successful heart and kidney transplant operations, Mr. Rhodes became a spokesman for organ donation.

"He was a huge contributor to the community," said Anderson.

Inniger, who served as a pallbearer at Mr. Rhodes' funeral this week, summed up his life.

"Gene touched so many lives in a positive manner. He loved his family, his students, Michigan State, East Noble and life and gave evey ounce of energy to make everything the best it could be. The world needs more people like Gene Rhodes."

Mr. Rhodes was buried Wednesday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Lori Ellen and Christopher Patterson, Knoxville, Tenn., and Lynda Suzanne and Robert Stewart, Lexington, Ky.; grandsons, Bryan, Andrew and Thomas Patterson, all of Knoxville, Tenn.; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Gerald Goss, Plymouth, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

A daughter, Wendy Lynne Rhodes in 1979; a sister, Mary Luann Spieth in 2006; and his parents preceded him in death.

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The following obituary is being reprinted to correct errors.

Patrick Wright

KENDALLVILLE — Patrick Eugene "Pops" Wright, 50, of Kendallville, died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Wright was employed at Applebee's in Kendallville and was an entrepreneur of odd jobs.

He formerly attended First Christian Church and more recently CrossPointe Family Church, both of Kendallville. He enjoyed reading, watching movies, history and fishing. He volunteered his time at The Wreck. Christian ministry was dear to his heart and passion. He was a caring and compassionate person who loved listening to music and gardening.

He was born in Leavenworth, Kansas, on Oct. 9, 1956, to Everett Sparks and Jean Marie (Joyce) Wright. His mother preceded him in death. His father survives.

He is also survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Heather Marie and Kory Knight of Glenwood Springs, Colo., and Jaime Leigh Wright of Kendallville; two sons, Jeremey Shain McDonald of Kendallville and Shane Patrick Hicks of Leavenworth; three grandsons, Matthieus, Mikiah and Malachi McDonald; a granddaughter, Kyla Hicks; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael and Linda Wright of St. Joe, Mo., and Danny and Debbie Wright, and Bill and Dani Wright, all of Leavenworth; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Rita Wright and Mary and John Colon, all of Leavenworth; a close cousin, Craig Hill of Kansas City, Mo., along with many other cousins; 14 nieces and nephews; and friends at The Wreck.

He was also preceded in death by his adoptive father, Everett Sparks.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at First Christian Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. An additional service will be held Saturday, Sept. 15, at his sister's home in Leavenworth.

Calling will be held Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the family, care of Hite Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Juanita Scharlach

Mrs. Scharlach

FREMONT — Juanita Scharlach, 82, of Fremont died Sept. 7, 2007, at her place of residence in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Scharlach was formerly of Bluffton and moved to Fort Wayne and also lived at the family farm in Fremont.

She was a homemaker.

She Scharlach enjoyed her family and grandchildren, also cooking and flowers, watching sports, especially Purdue basketball and the Indianapolis Colts football. She also enjoyed traveling and camping and site seeing.

She was born Aug. 6, 1925, in Forest, Miss., to William and Maggie (Creel) May.

She married John A. "Jack" Scharlach on Nov. 11, 1950, at Brandon, Miss. He survives.

Also survived are four sons and daughters in-law, Don and Diane Scharlach of Huntertown, Mike and Kim Scharlach of Fremont, Rodney and Pattie Scharlach of Fort Wayne and David and Teresa (Martin) Scharlach of Mishawaka; ten grandchildren, Dan Scharlach, Stacey Adams, Christopher Scharlach, Andrew Scharlach, Michael Scharlach, Samantha Scharlach, Nolan Scharlach, Amanda Scharlach, Bethann Scharlach and Rachel Martin; seven great grandchildren; and two sisters, Christine May and Cleo Gunter, both of Forest, Miss.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home of Fremont with the Rev. Sherry Long officiating. Burial will be in Ray-Covenanter Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Condolences may be sent online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

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Bertha Dean

AUBURN — Bertha E. Dean, 87, of Auburn died Friday, Sept. 7, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Dean

She moved to the Auburn area in 1941. She worked as a clerk at J.C. Penney for 25 years before retiring in 1978. She also worked for several years on the election board.

She was a member of the Auburn United Methodist Church and the OWLS class of the church. She was an active member of the Heimach Center. A member of the DeKalb County Democratic Women's Assoc., Eastern Star, Phythesis Sisters, Fort Wayne Shrine Aux., American Legion Auxiliary and VFW Auxiliary. She volunteered at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, for the American Heart Association and the Auburn Cord Duesenburg Museum. She was also a member of the Classic Ladies Social Club, Red Hat Society and Director's Club at Wagon Wheel Theatre in Warsaw.

She was born in Essex, Ontario, Canada, on Aug. 5, 1920, to the late Silas and Annie (Julke) Reeb.

Her first husband, Alfred Kettles, died in 1950. She married Howard Dean on Aug. 16, 1952. He preceded her in death in 1988.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Diane Dean of Auburn; and daughter, Shirley Rhody of Hobart; a brother, Norman Reeb of Essex, Ontario, Canada; seven grand children and spouses, Jeff and Sonya Rhody, Julie Rhody Newwirth, Mandy Dean, Megan Dean, Mallory Dean, Trace Dean and Jeremy and Cassie Dean; five great grandchildren; and a close friend Robert Love.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Howard and Marty Dean; a son-in-law, Moe Rhody; five brothers and three sisters, including Margaret Shannon, formerly Auburn.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Wilber Yates officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

An Easter Star service will Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

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Rebecca Cain

FORT WAYNE — Rebecca "Becky" K. Cain, 69, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Auburn died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2007, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Cain was a loan officer for Dana Federal Credit Union for 15 years, retiring in 1990. she moved to Arizona after retiring and worked for the State of Arizona, caring for drug babies and those born with AIDS. She then lived in Michigan, before returning to Fort Wayne in 2000.

She was a 1956 graduate of St. Joe High School and a former member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She bowled for many years in the Auburn Bowling League.

She was born May 1, 1938, in Fort Wayne to the late Austin and Mildred (Grogg) Hartz.

She married John E. Cain Jr. on June 28, 1974, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Lloyd "Kevin" Smith of Greensboro, N.C.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Lori K. and Alan High of Waterloo and Lisa K. Zehner of Kendallville; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Steven and Eden Hartz of Spencerville, Michael and Sue Harts of Valparaiso and David and Diane Harts of Fort Wayne; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Paula J. and Richard Roberts of St. Joe, Dianne and Gene Woodworth of Waterloo and Debbie Barton of Kokomo; five grandsons, Matthew L. Zehner and his wife, Sarah, Aaron E. Zehner, Gregory J. Zehner, Zachary A. High and Brent High; two great-grandchildren, Jada N. Zehner and Jared A. Zehner; and her stepfather, Eugene Dillman of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Linda L. Hahns.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. Dan White will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

James McCullough

LIGONIER — James R. McCullough, 59, of Milford and formerly of Cromwell died at 6:20 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at Lakeland Rehabilitation & Health Care Center in Milford.

Mr. McCullough had moved to the area several years ago from North Manchester.

He had worked in the automotive industry until retiring in 1999.

Mr. McCullough enjoyed collecting NASCAR items and coins.

He was known as a jokester by his family.

Mr. McCullough was a Jehovah's Witness, attending the Cromwell congregation.

He was born Feb. 22, 1948, in Wabash to Lawrence and Margaret (Kingery) McCullough. He and his wife, Betty, were married June 24, 1972. She died in 2007.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brent and Becca McCullough of Syracuse; two daughters and a son-in-law, Amy McCullough of Middletown, Ohio, and Carissa and Darrell Sweeney of Syracuse; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Ruth McCullough of Dixon, Tenn.; and four grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his mother in 1988, his father in 1967, and his mother-in-law, Mary Cathern Bolinger in 2007.

Services will be at a later date.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Brent McCullough in memory of his father.

J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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Ruth Clibon

ELLENTON, Fla. — Ruth Louise Clibon, 79, of Ellenton, Fla., died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007. She had lived in Fort Wayne for most of her life.

Mrs. Clibon

She was a volunteer driver for the American Cancer Society in Fort Wayne for over 20 years. She and her family spent their summers at Big Long Lake at their lake cottage for many years. She and her family moved to Ellenton, Fla., after retirement.

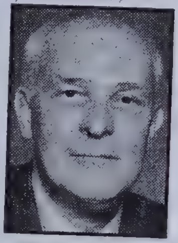
She was a member of Parrish CCW, Bradenton House of Prayer. While living in Florida she continued as a volunteer at St. Frances X Cabrini Cottage, and was a sponsor of Save the Children, Guatemala.

Survivors include sons, Michael Stephen (Rosemary) Clibon of St. Petersburg; John Michael Clibon of Ellenton; a brother, Eugene Reiz of Altadena Calif.; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were this morning at 11 at St. Frances X Cabrini Catholic Church, Parrish. Memorials to Maryknoll Missionary, P.O. Box 307, Maryknoll, NY 10545, Attn: Davi.

James Schroeder

ANGOLA — James A. Schroeder, 74, of Jimmerson Lake died Friday, Sept. 7, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.


Mr. Schroeder

He was employed at Dana Corp. for 30 years, retiring in 1989.

He was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church.

He was born in Toledo, Ohio, to Homer and Dorothy Schroeder, who both preceded him in death. He was married to Sandra Schroeder, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Douglas and Lucy Schroeder, Todd and Alicia Schroeder, and Scott and Tracey Schroeder, all of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; four brothers, Robert Schroeder of North Fort Myers, Fla., Richard Schroeder of Toledo, Donald Schroeder of Whitehouse, Ohio, and David Schroeder of Perrysburg, Ohio.

A private service is scheduled Thursday at D.O. McComb and Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

There is no visitation.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

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Fran Anderson

SOUTH MILFORD — Fran Anderson, 71, of South Milford died Monday, Sept. 10, 2007, at her home in South Milford.

Mrs. Anderson

Mrs. Anderson had been a Realtor in LaGrange and Noble counties for more than 30 years and had worked as a cashier for Strawser Auctions for nearly 20 years.

She dedicated her life to serving others and was involved with numerous organizations in the area. She had served as past president and as chairman of several committees of the Northeast Indiana Board of Realtors, helped organize and was the first president of the South Milford Lions Club and was a member of the South Milford Community League.

She had served on the LaGrange County Board of Health for several years and was the past president of the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Mrs. Anderson was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ and was a past president of the Ladies Circle and had served on several church committees.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1954.

Mrs. Anderson was born in Albion on July 9, 1936, to H. Dee and Emma Lucile (Keefer) Bollinger. She married Gerald Victor "Ike" Anderson on Aug. 26, 1972, in LaGrange. He survives in South Milford.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David Lee and Peggy VanGordon of Kendallville and Daniel Dee and Debbie VanGordon of Angola; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Debbie and Mike Chapman of Kendallville, Cindy and Matt Jordan of Wolcottville and Kathy and Butch Skelley of Ashley; a sister, Janet of Utah; two half sisters, Joanne Taite of Kendallville and Ruby Graves of Downer's Grove, Ill.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Kirby Bollinger; and half brother, Bob Bollinger.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at South Milford Church of Christ with Mike Booher officiating. Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery in South Milford.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to South Milford Church of Christ.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com

Gloria Sprenger

AVILLA — Gloria P. Sprenger, 80, of Avilla died at 7:47 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, 2007, in the intensive care unit of Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Berniece Crabtree

ORRVILLE, Ohio — Berniece (Cross-Davis) Crabtree, 95, died Friday, Sept. 7, 2007, at Brennfield Nursing Center in Orrville, Ohio.

Mrs. Crabtree

She was born Aug. 27, 1912, in Mark Center, Ohio, to the late Volney and Carrie (Singleton) Cross.

Her first husband, Fredrick Davis, died in 1939. She then married Howard Crabtree on Sept. 17, 1954. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Doris Schortgen of Waterloo and Dorothy and Cliff Reece of Lodi, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Dorman and Beverly Davis of Butler; two sisters, Opal Reed and Helen Miller, both of Auburn; nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Donald, one sister, Alice Bice, two brothers, Raymond and Robert Cross, and one great-grandson.

Services will be Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in Parker Funeral Home of Lodi, Ohio. Burial will be at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Seville, Ohio.

Calling is tonight from 7-9 at the funeral home.

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Janet Barr

KENDALLVILLE — Janet Elaine Barr, 43, of Kendallville died unexpectedly Monday, Sept. 10, 2007, at her home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Barr

She graduated from Van Wert High School in 1982 and was employed at the Kendallville Pizza Hut and at Cole Center Family YMCA.

Mrs. Barr also assisted in the cafeteria at St. John Lutheran School where her children are students.

She was a member of South Milford Church of Christ.

She was born in Huntington on Feb. 27, 1964, to Delbert and Judy (Hunicutt) Smith.

Surviving are a daughter, Dezaray Barr of Kendallville; a son, Joshua Barr of Kendallville; her father and stepmother, Delbert and Janet Smith of Van Wert, Ohio; her mother and stepfather, Judy and Gale McMahan of Athens, Ala.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Rod and Candy Smith of Convoy, Ohio, and Mike and Tammy Smith of Oakwood, Ill.; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Kimberly Ellis of Durham, N.C., Julie and Lonnie Ritchie of Elkmont, Ala., and Pam Smith of Van Wert, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Mike Booher officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Thursday.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church AWANA Program or the Cole Center Family YMCA.

View a video tribute (after Wednesday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Donald Garman Sr.

ALBION — Donald W. Garman Sr., 88, of Williams Lake near Albion died unexpectedly Monday, Sept. 10, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Garman

Mr. Garman had moved to Williams Lake in 1974 from Huntertown.

He was a graduate of Huntertown High School.

Mr. Garman had been employed as a carpenter with several firms and in 1980 retired as a carpenter from International Harvester in Fort Wayne with 19 years of service.

He was a member of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church.

Mr. Garman enjoyed fishing, playing cards, mushroom hunting and watching sporting events, especially Chicago Cubs baseball games.

He will be remembered as a gracious man who was loved by his church and the community.

He was born Dec. 5, 1918, in Allen County to Jay W. and Lottie (Klinger) Garman. He married Hazel A. Kniss on July 20, 1940. She died Jan. 13, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald W. "Bill" Garman Jr. and his wife, Linda; a daughter, Rosemary Rhodes of Avilla; a sister, Betty Anderson of Auburn; three grandchildren and their spouses, Sandra and Kevin Appenzeller and Dan and Janell Garman, all of Fort Wayne, and Bryan and Lisa Rhodes of Avilla; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ray Garman.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Wolf Lake United Methodist Church with Pastor Wray McCalester officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Wolf Lake United Methodist Church.

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Richard Russell

CORUNNA — Richard R. "Rick" Russell, 28, of rural Corunna died Friday, Sept. 7, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Russell

He had been an area resident for the past 10 months and was employed at Courier Printing in Kendallville.

He attended Grace Christian Church of Kendallville.

Mr. Russell was a graduate of Transcona High School in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. He was an outstanding high school athlete who participated in football and excelled in wrestling. He made the International Traveling Wrestling Squad and was undefeated for three years. He also enjoyed archery.

Following high school, he attended several trade schools and was in the process of becoming a journeyman.

He was born June 28, 1979, in Seymour to Pastor Jeffry R. Sr. and Donna (Denton) Russell. They survive in Kokomo.

Also surviving are a son, Bradley K. Russell of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ashleigh and Ben Easley and Jessica and Chad Tomlinson, all of Kokomo; three nieces, Trinity Easley, and Makaila and Madison Tomlinson; paternal grandparents, Bill Russell of Hopkins, Minn., and Tillie Hensley of Kingman, Ariz.; and maternal grandmother, Christine Oathout of Seymour.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Jeffry R. Russell Jr.; a nephew, Colin Tomlinson; his maternal stepgrandfather, Ray Oathout; maternal grandfather, Charles Denton; and an aunt, Brenda Denton.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Shirley and Stout Funeral Home, Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, Kokomo, with the Rev. Chris Mosley, pastor of Grace Christian Church of Kendallville, officiating, assisted by Mr. Russell's uncle, the Rev. Pat Russell, a missionary from Africa. Burial will be in Albright Cemetery in Kokomo.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial are to New Beginnings Christian Fellowship.

Online condolences are to www.shirleyandstout.com.

Elaine Clark

WATERLOO — Elaine G. Clark, 75, of Waterloo died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2007, at Lutheran Homes in Fort Wayne.

She worked at Universal Tool from 1987 to 1994. In 1996 she went to work for Colwell General.

She was an active member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo and loved to garden.

She was born Oct. 16, 1931, in Clio, Mich., to George and Grace (Brady) Storrs.

Surviving are a son, David Lewis Clark of Hicksville, Ohio; two daughters, Deborah Ann Hughes of Fort Wayne and Rhonda Marie Galaviz of Mexico; three brothers, Robert Storrs of Flint, Mich., Eldon Storrs of Bay City, Mich., and Theodore Storrs of Durand, Mich.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, George "Jack" Storrs.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at New Hope Christian Center, 900 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Thursday from 1-2 p.m. at the church Thursday.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Jimmy Wood

WATERLOO — Jimmy D. Wood, 47, of Waterloo died Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wood worked at Foamex in Auburn.

He was born April 30, 1960, in Toledo, Ohio, to Dale and Barbara Wood. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Tina and Sean Landers of Auburn; an uncle and aunt, Wilbur and Sharon Lewis of Garrett; and two nieces, Dawn Monroe of Kendallville and Misty Myers of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by a great-niece, Desiree Monroe.

A memorial service will be Saturday, Sept. 22, from 11-11:30 a.m., at the Auburn Church of Christ, 208 W. Eighteenth St. (Eighteenth and Jackson streets). Calling will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church for those who are unable to attend the service.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the American heart Association, the Kidney Foundation or the American Diabetes Association.

Desirea Price

GARRETT — Desirea Michelle Price, an infant, died Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her parents, Josh Price and Kayleen Barger of Garrett; her maternal grandparents, Jeff and Barb Barger of Garrett; a great-grandmother, Helen Barger of Garrett; a great-great-grandfather, Eldon Montgomery of Sellersville, Ky.; a great-grandmother, Loreva Clair of Ohio; a grandmother, Cathy Griffith of Garrett; a grandfather, Phillip Price Sr. of Garrett; and a great-grandfather, Robert Price Sr.

She was preceded in death by a paternal grandfather, Billy Barger, and grandparents Charles and Matilda Burniston.

Private services will be held.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Carlie Surber

LAGRANGE — Carlie F. Surber, 82, of LaGrange died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Surber had moved to LaGrange in 1958 from Detroit, Mich.

He retired as a foreman from Machine Rite Products in LaGrange in 1988 after 30 years of service.

He was born on July 14, 1925, in Tazewell, Tenn., to Frank and Mary (Longsworth) Surber. He married Josephine Brock on March 2, 1952, in Napoleon, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Donna Surber and Karen Surber, both of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Henley H. and William W. Surber.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Jeff Farnham officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences are to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Rhonda Haynes

GARRETT — Rhonda Lue Haynes, 53, of Garrett died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2007, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Haynes was the vice president of Garrett State Bank, where she had worked for the past 36 years. She was a member of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association.

She was born Oct. 21, 1953, in Garrett to Charles L. and Beverly (Aldrich) Hathaway. They preceded her in death.

She married Greg L. Haynes on June 26, 1976, in Garrett. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a daughter, Michele Marie Haynes of Garrett; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles J. and Carol Hathaway of Garrett and Steven L. and Mary Hathaway of Garrett; a sister, Roxanne Desouzaguedes of Garrett; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Robert Bell officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Grace Shumaker

SEGUIN, Texas — Grace (Kuckuck) Shumaker, 91, of Seguin and formerly of Indiana, died Friday, Sept. 7, 2007, in Seguin.

Mrs. Shumaker was born July 14, 1916, in Indiana.

Among her survivors are two sons, Stephen and his family of St. Joe, Ind., and Stanley and his family; two brothers, Edgar and Grant; and a sister, Beatrice.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harlan.

Mrs. Shumaker dearly loved her family and friends. She especially cherished her Creator and the gift of His only-begotten Son.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Finch Funeral Chapel in La Vernia, Texas, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.finchfuneralchapels.com.

John Roman
Helen Roman

KENDALLVILLE — A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for former Kendallville resident Helen "Windy" Roman.

Graveside services will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Garrett for Helen and her husband, John A. Roman.

A luncheon will follow the services at the St. James Restaurant in Avilla for family and friends.

Helen Roman, 91, died Aug. 2, 2007, in Palm Harbor, Fla. John Roman died in Florida in 1995 at age 83.

Mrs. Roman worked at J.C. Penney in Kendallville for over 37 years. Many people remember her positive attitude and friendly smile. Mr. Roman was a longtime auto dealer in Kendallville and had been vice president of sales at Flint & Walling for about 10 years. He sold his dealership to Max Platt and the couple moved to Dania, Fla.

The couple had no children and are survived by several nieces and nephews and many great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

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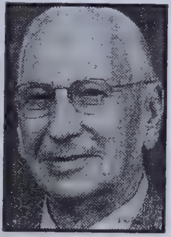
William Kuhlman

AUBURN — William F. "Bill" Kuhlman, 81, of Auburn died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007, at 2:30 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.


Mr. Kuhlman

Mr. Kuhlman worked as the superintendent for Auburn Printing Co. from 1946-1973 and as the advertising manager for Flint & Walling in Kendallville for more than 20 years, retiring in 1994.

He was a 1944 graduate of Auburn High School. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1944-46 in the South Pacific aboard a landing ship tank (LST). He was a 50-year member of Masonic Lodge 214 of Auburn and Eastern Star 103 and a life member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. He loved golfing.

He was born Sept. 11, 1926, in Auburn to Frank P. and Irma (Bassett) Kuhlman.

He married Dorothy F. Johnson on Dec. 16., 1945, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John W. and Sharon Kuhlman of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Cathy K. and Tom Draggoo of Woodbridge, Va.; a sister, June Paine of Goshen; a sister-in-law, Mildred Lemper of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Adam Rosswurm and his wife, April, of Auburn, and Jennifer and Bethany Draggoo of Woodbridge, Va.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn. Pastor Stephen Kummernuss will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Richard Russell

KENDALLVILLE — A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Grace Christian Church, 126 E. Mitchell St., for Richard "Rick" Russell of rural Corunna.

Pastor Nathan Mosely will officiate at the service.

Members of Mr. Russell's family will greet friends from 2-9 p.m.

Mr. Russell died Friday, Sept. 7, 2007, at his home.

Jessiemay Bauman

AUBURN — Jessiemay M. Bauman, 94, of Auburn died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Bauman was a homemaker. She attended St. John's Lutheran Church in Kendallville and was a member and past president of the Keyser Township Homemakers Club.

She was born May 28, 1913, in Garrett to John and Maudie (Moughler) Applegate.

She married George F. Bauman on June 14, 1931, in Walkerton. He died June 27, 1979.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael G. and Marjorie Bauman of Auburn and Patrick S. and Ruth Bauman of Ballwin, Mo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Marylou and Kenneth Or of Auburn; a sister, Gwen Conkle of Auburn; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Ted L. Bauman; a brother, John Applegate Jr.; and six sisters, Thelma Miller, Dorothy Nodine, Neva Gordy, Virginia Applegate, Kathleen Collins and Billie Jo Teegarden.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. John's Lutheran School in Kendallville.

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Gloria Springer

AVILLA — Gloria P. Springer, 80, of Avilla died at 5:50 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Springer had lived in Noble County the past 20 years.

She had been employed in the food service industry.

She was born Sept. 19, 1926, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Reynold and Gladys (Mozena) Petrie.

Surviving are two daughters, Deborah Mann of Largo, Fla., and Kathy Jo Baker of Tucson, Ariz.; two sons, Johnny Miller of Michigan City and Richard Ryf of Hoagland; seven sisters, Vivan Henry of Fort Wayne, Maxine Sefly of Brandon, Fla., Helen Sweeting of Franklin, Elaine Kutzel of Coldwater, Mich., Rita Murphy of Albion and Sue, last name and address unknown; five brother, John Petrie and Reynold Petrie, both of Albion, Charles Petrie of White Cloud, Mich., and Robert Petrie of Old Town, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Services will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Dona Wiedenhoeft

KENDALLVILLE — Dona Jean Wiedenhoeft, 89, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Wiedenhoeft was a homemaker and taught high school English early on in her life.

She was born Dec. 7, 1917, in Warsaw to George and Thelma (Frankford) Mowry. She married August E. Wiedenhoeft on June 13, 1944, in Columbia, S.C. He died May 21, 2007.

Surviving are a son, David Wiedenhoeft of Carlsbad, N.M.; and friends, Deb and Dick Rodman of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Jill Wiedenhoeft, and a sister, Marilyn.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Dolores Colpetsir

BRONSON, Mich. — Delores M. Colpetsir, 77, of Bronson died at 9:15 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, 2007, at her home.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Donald Smeltzer

Mr. Smeltzer

MIDDLEBURY — Donald Wayne Smeltzer, 66, of Middlebury died at 6:27 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, 2007, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Mr. Smeltzer had worked at Adams and Westlake in Elkhart from 1959 to 1978 and then at R&T Frames of Elkhart and G&G Glass of Cassopolis, Mich. He retired in 2005 from Stoutco of Bristol.

He was a member of Little Pine Church of the Brethren and was known for always lending a helping hand.

Mr. Smeltzer was a 1959 graduate of Middlebury High School and served as a Tech 5 in the Army Reserves.

He enjoyed trap shooting, hunting, fishing, mushroom hunting and snowmobiling and was an avid bowler.

He was born June 6, 1941, in St. Joseph County to Clyde and Viola Frances (Hahn) Smeltzer.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Darien Ditmars of Middlebury; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dana and Tamara Smeltzer of Middlebury and Quinn and Dorthea Smeltzer of Bristol; a sister-in-law, Beverly Smeltzer of Elkhart; 13 nieces and nephews; 23 great-nieces and great-nephews; and his best friend, Roy Mathews of Middlebury.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. John McFarland officiating. Burial will be in Little Pine Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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William Erdly

HIGH LAKE — William E. Erdly, 68, of High Lake was found dead in his home Monday, Sept. 10, 2007.

Mr. Erdly had worked at Maumee Valley Corp. from 1965 to 1985. He owned and operated Erdly's Bait Store at Wolf Lake from 1990 to 1998 and then became a truck driver.

He had lived at High Lake since 2002.

Mr. Erdly was a 1957 graduate of Wolf Lake High School and a graduate of International Business College.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Erdly was a member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4717 in Wolf Lake.

He was born June 27, 1939, in Wolf Lake to Evart F. and Pauline J. (Bair) Erdly.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Timothy and Carol Erdly and Todd and Laurie Erdly, all of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Charles Erdly of Linton, Jimmy Erdly of Kimmell and David Erdly of Wolf Lake; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Kayanne Colen.

There will be no services.

A celebration of life will take place at 3 p.m. Friday at the Wolf Lake Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, 1278 S. U.S. 33, Wolf Lake.

Memorials are to the Shriners Hospital for Children.

Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Phyllis Brewer

TAVARES, Fla. — Phyllis Ann (Legg) Brewer, 74, of Tavares and formerly of Kendallville died Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at Tavares.

Mrs. Brewer had moved to Tavares from Kendallville in 1996.

She was a native of Kokomo.

Mrs. Brewer was a member of Mid-Lakes Christian Church.

Surviving are her husband, Mahlon Max Brewer of Tavares; two daughters, Tammy Seals of Joshua, Texas, and Tonya Tetrick of Springdale, Ark.; two sons, Tony Brewer of Plano, Texas, and Terry Brewer of Oak Hill, Va.; a sister, Janet Young of Plainfield, Ind.; and eight grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the National Cremation Society in Fruitland Park, Fla.

Joseph James Vogel
Jacob James Vogel

FORT WAYNE — Joseph James Vogel and Jacob James Vogel were stillborn at 4:55 p.m. and 4:49 p.m. respectively on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana.

Surviving are their parents, Eric D. and Angela R. (Kolter) Vogel of Fort Wayne; a brother, Daniel J. Vogel, at home; and maternal grandparents James and Sandra Kolter of Decatur.

Services will be Thursday at noon at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Preble, where the parents are members, with Pastor Daniel J. Brege officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 11 a.m.-noon at the church.

Memorials are to Wyneken Lutheran School and St. Paul Lutheran Church.

An online guest book may be signed at the Web site www.zwickjahn.com.

Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home of Decatur is handling arrangements.

Vivian Flanagan

ENGLEWOOD, Fla. — Vivian Hope Flanagan, 86, of Englewood, Fla., formerly of Angola, died Monday, Sept. 10, 2007, in Englewood.

She was born May 28, 1921, in Toledo, Ohio.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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Fran Anderson, 71

SOUTH MILFORD — Fran Anderson, 71, of South Milford, passed away on Monday, September 10, 2007 at her home in South Milford.

Mrs. Anderson was born in Albion on July 9, 1936 to H. Dee and Emma Lucile (Keefer) Bollinger.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1954 and married Gerald Victor Anderson on August 26, 1972 in LaGrange.

Fran has been an active realtor in LaGrange and Noble counties for over 30 years and worked as a cashier for Strawser Auctions for nearly 20 years. She dedicated her life to serving others and was involved with numerous organizations in the area such as Northeast Indiana Board of Realtors (past president and all chairs), South Milford Church of Christ Ladies Circle (past president), LaGrange County Council on Aging (past president), several church committees, South Milford Community League, helped organize the first South Milford Ladies Lions Club and was its first president. She also served on the LaGrange County Board of Health for several years.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald "Ike" Anderson of South Milford two sons and daughters in law David Lee and Peggy VanGordon of Kendallville and Daniel Dee and Debbie VanGordon of Angola and three step daughters and their husbands Debbie and Mike Chapman of Kendallville; Cindy and Matt Jordan of Wolcottville and Kathy and Butch Skelley of Ashley; nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Also surviving are two half- sisters Joanne Taite of Kendallville and Ruby Graves of Downer's Grove, Illinois and a sister Janet of Utah.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Kirby Bollinger; and half brother, Bob Bollinger.

Visitation will be Wednesday, September 12, 2007, from 4 to 8 p.m. at South Milford Church of Christ on SR 3 north of South Milford.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 1 p.m. at South Milford Church of Christ.

Officiating the funeral service will be Mike Booher.

Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery in South Milford.

Preferred Memorials may be made to South Milford Church of Christ.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Gloria P. Springer, 80

AVILLA, Ind. — Gloria P. Springer, 80, of Avilla died at 5:50 p.m. Sunday, September 10, 2007 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Ms. Springer was born September 19, 1926 in Hickville, Ohio to Reynold and Gladys (Monzena) Petrie.

Ms. Springer had resided in the Noble County area fro the past 20 years. She had been employed in the food service industry.

Surviving are two daughters, Deborah Mann of Largo, Florida and Kathy Jo Baker of Tucson, Arizona, and two sons, Johnny Miller of Michigan City, Indiana and Richard Ryf of Hoagland; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are seven sisters: Vivian Henry of Ft. Wayne, IN; Maxine Sefly of Brandon, FL, Helen Sweeting of Franklin, IN; Elaine Kutzel of Coldwater, MI; Rita Murphy of Albion, IN; and Sue unknown last name or residence; and five brothers: John Petrie and Reynold Petrie both of Albion, IN; Charles Petrie of White Cloud, MI, and Robert Petrie of Old Town, FL.

Her parents, a brother and a sister preceded her in death.

There will be no visitation. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery at a later date.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion is in charge of arrangements.

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Janet Elaine Barr, 43

KENDALLVILLE — Janet Elaine Barr, age 43, of Kendallville, passed away unexpectedly on Monday morning at her home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Barr was born in Huntington, Indiana on February 27, 1964 to Delbert and Judy (Hunicutt) Smith.

She graduated from Van Wert High School in 1982 and was employed with The Kendallville Pizza Hut and the Cole Center Family YMCA. Janet also helped out in the school cafeteria at St. John Lutheran School where her children attend.

She was a member of South Milford Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Dezaray Barr of Kendallville and a son, Joshua Barr of Kendallville. Also surviving are her father and step mother, Delbert and Janet Smith of Van Wert, Ohio; her mother and step father, Judy and Gale McMahan of Athens, Alabama; sisters Kimberly Ellis of Durham, North Carolina; Julie (Lonnie) Ritchie of Elkmont, Alabama; Pam Smith of Van Wert, Ohio; and brothers Rod (Candy) Smith of Convoy, Ohio; and Mike (Tammy) Smith of Oakwood, Illinois; and many neices and nephews.

Visitation will be Wednesday, September 12, 2007, from 2 to 9 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. There will also be an hour of visitation before the funeral service. The funeral will be Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, with Pastor Mike Booher officiating.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church AWANA Program or the Cole Center Family YMCA.

Vickie Petrie, 54

ORLAND — Vickie L. Petrie, 54, of Orland died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007, at her residence.

Mrs. Petrie was born on Sept. 12, 1952, in Muncie to Keith J. and Barbara A. (Clevenger) Clevenger. They are deceased.

Mrs. Petrie moved to the area in 1959 from Muncie.

She had worked for 18 years at Magnavox Corp. in Auburn as a group leader and later worked with the engineering department.

Mrs. Petrie was a member of the Avilla American Legion Post No. 240 Auxiliary.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Brynn and Jeff Colin of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Matt and Shelly Butler of Avilla; five grandchildren; and a sister, Kathy Nelson of LaGrange. She was looking forward to the pending birth of another grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Benjie Butler.

Services were held September 7, 2007 at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Pastor Mike Sassanella officiated. Burial took place in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Memorials are to the Orland Fire Department and the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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David Coil, 38

ALBION — David W. Coil, 38, of Albion passed away suddenly at 6:20 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3, 2007, at his rural Albion home.

Mr. Coil was a lifetime Albion area resident. He was born April 26, 1969, in Noble County to Robert G. and Helen Marcelle (Elser) Coil. They survive in Albion.

He was a 1987 graduate of Central Noble High School and had attended Indiana University for one year and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne for one year.

He had been employed at C&A Tool in Churubusco as a CNC operator. He also worked part-time as a security guard at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Coil loved NASCAR and was a huge Jeff Gordon fan. He also loved trucks, die casts and his dog, Keeto.

He was a member of the Sons of the Legion at Albion American Legion Post 242.

Also surviving are his aunts and uncles, Alberta and Dennis Coil, Jim Coil, Harold Coil, Charles and Marjorie Elser, Richard and Roberta Elser, Patricia Elser Frymier, Elizabeth Elser Shellman, James and Ann Elser and Peggy Elser, and many cousins.

Services were held September 8, 2007 at Trinity United Methodist Church. The Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiated. Burial will take place in Sparta Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, took care of arrangements.

Donald W. Garman, Sr.,88

Donald W. Garman, Sr., 88, a resident of Williams Lake near Albion, died unexpectedly early Monday morning, September 10, at his residence.

Mr. Garman was born on December 5, 1918 in Allen County, a son of Jay W. and Lottie (Klinger) Garman. He spent his formaive years north of Huntertown in DeKalb County, and graduated from Huntertown High School.

On July 20, 1940 he was married in Allen County to Hazel A. Kniss. The couple lived the early years of their marriage in Huntertown before moving to Williams Lake in Noble County in 1974.

Employed over the years by several area carpenters, he retired in 1980 as a carpenter with International Harvester in Fort Wayne after 19 years.

A member of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, in his leisure time he enjoyed fishing, playing cards, mushroom hunting, and watching sports - expecially Chicago Cubs baseball. He was a most gracious man, and was loved by his church and community.

Mrs. Garman preceded him in death on January 13, 1997.

The surviving relatives include his son Donald W. "Bill" (Linda) Garman, Jr. of Huntertown; his daughter Rosemary Rhodes of Avilla; a sister Betty Anderson of Auburn; three grandchildren Sandra (Kevin) Appenzeller and Dan (Janell) Garman, both of Fort Wayne, and Bryan (Lisa) Rhodes of Avilla; and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and spouse, he was preceded in death by a brother Ray Garman.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church with Pastor Wray McCalester, officiating.

The family will receive friends at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Wednesday from 2-4 and from 6-8 p.m., or at the church one hour prior to the service.

Inerment will be in the Huntertown Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Wolf Lake United Methodist Church.

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Man pleads guilty to murder

Garrett woman, 91, died after attack

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AUBURN — A homeless man from DeKalb County pleaded guilty to murder in DeKalb Superior Court II Wednesday.

Ricky Nelson Vires, 49, admitted that a botched burglary at the home of 91-year-old Novella Tarlton in rural Garrett on May 20 resulted in the elderly woman's death 12 days later.

Vires showed little emotion and kept his eyes downcast or stared at the ceiling during much of the hearing. His first responses were so quiet that Judge Monte Brown asked him to speak up.

Vires' attorney, Robert Hardy, said Vires wished to withdraw his original plea of not guilty, entered Aug. 20, and also asked for sentencing within 30 days.

According to the terms of a plea agreement — if it is accepted by the judge — Vires will face 45 to 65 years in prison for murder. Two charges of burglary and theft, as well as a habitual offender enhancement, would be dismissed. He will be sentenced Sept. 25.

In court Wednesday, Vires admitted to DeKalb Prosecutor ClaraMary Winebrenner that he was walking along C.R. 54 on May 20 and went to Tarlton's home with the intent to break in and steal some of her belongings. After he broke into the home, he was surprised by Mrs. Tarlton, who was holding a wireless phone.

Vires

When Winebrenner asked Vires if he struck Mrs. Tarlton, Vires said he "pushed her down, causing her to strike her head."

He agreed the fall caused Mrs. Tarlton to bleed from the nose and go into a state of unconsciousness. Vires said "yes" when Winebrenner asked if Tarlton's death on June 2 was a result of the fall.

Tarlton

Relatives and friends had predicted that Mrs. Tarlton — who

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never regained her ability to communicate — would not survive the brutal beating. An autopsy showed she died of a cerebral hemorrhage and skull fractures caused by blunt-force trauma to her head.

According to a report filed by DeKalb County Police detective Lee Stoy, Vires told police he took a .22-caliber rifle, Tarlton's purse, a knife and approximately $50 in cash. The rifle was found later in a ditch about 600 feet east of Tarlton's residence.

Blood recovered from a cordless phone inside the Tarlton residence and a 40-ounce beer bottle left at the residence was identified through DNA testing as belonging to Vires, the report said,

According to court records, Vires has a 1976 conviction for forgery in Ohio and a theft conviction in DeKalb County.

In court Wednesday, Vires admitted he has a problem with drugs and alcohol

Police took Vires into custody on the evening of May 20, shortly after finding Mrs. Tarlton lying injured inside her home. He was arrested on an unrelated charge of breaking into a vehicle in downtown Garrett.

Vires was arrested on the murder charge Aug. 18 after police received results from DNA testing.

Margaret Morgan

GARRETT — Margaret Morgan, 57, of Garrett died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007, at her home.

She was a sterile processing technician at St. Joseph and Lutheran hospitals. She enjoyed fishing, crocheting, traveling to Tennessee and her pet dog, Dusty.

Surviving are her husband, Terrance L. Morgan of Garrett, and two brothers, Ronny Zartman of Williamsport, Pa., and Allen Zartman of Butler.

She was born March 31, 1950, in Paulding, Ohio.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m.at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Norma Litwiller

MIDDLEBURY — Norma Jean Litwiller, 64, of Sarasota, Fla., died at 6 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at Doctors Hospital in Sarasota.

Mrs. Litwiller had been an office manager.

A native of Benton, Ill., she was born Sept. 19, 1942, to Frank and Ruby (Fisher) Taylor.

Surviving are her husband, Morris E. Litwiller of Sarasota; a daughter, Catherine Cartwright of Sarasota; a son, Mark Litwiller of Sarasota; and a granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Graveside funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Clinton Brick Cemetery in Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millrestewartfuneralhome.com.

Virginia Fee

AUBURN — Virginia Fee, 82, of Auburn died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

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Sylvia Kelton

WATERLOO — Sylvia A. Kelton, 72, of Waterloo, died Monday, Sept. 10, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Kelton was a former school teacher. She was a member of Holy Family Episcopal Church in Angola and its Daughters of the King group. She was a lifetime member of the Fort Wayne Beagle Club and had been active in Girl Scouts.

She was born Aug. 17, 1935, in Paterson, N.J.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne H. and Michele Kelton of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon M. and Jimmy Kraftchak of Herson, Va.; and five grandchildren, Vera Amanda Kraftchak, Dethina Marie Kraftchak, Crystal Lee Kraftchak, Maria Theresia Kelton and Wayne A.J. Kelton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey L., who died in 1994, a sister, Nancy H. White, and her parents, Richard and Martha White.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Holy Family Episcopal Church, South Darling Street, Angola. The Rev. Father Theran Landsford will officiate. Burial will be in Memorial Garden at Holy Family Episcopal Church.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation or the Diabetes Association.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, is handling arrangements.

Lee Shanabarger

AUBURN — Lee R. Shanabarger, 86, of Auburn died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Shanabarger

Mr. Shanabarger worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 38 1/2 years before retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and the Loyal Order of the Moose 97 in Auburn.

He was born Oct. 21, 1920, in Noble County to Ralph and Effie (Tarlton) Shanabarger.

He married Louise J. Muzzillo in Auburn on Jan. 5, 1946. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sister Joyce L. Shanabarger of Buffalo Grove, Ill., and Rita A. and John Lumm of Lexington, Ohio; two grandchildren, Ryan Lumm of Columbus, Ohio, and Abby Lumm of Cincinnati, Ohio; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Norma Waters and Riley Waters Jr. of Muldrow, Okla., and Grace and Lester "Pete" Keister of Albion; one brother, Morris "Bill" Shanabarger of Churubusco; one sister-in-law, Joan Shanabarger-Keller of Churubusco; members of the Louis and Angeline Muzzillo family; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Glenn Shanabarger and Robert "Bob" Shanabarger.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Michael Zuelke officiating. Burial will be in Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home or DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

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Everett Schladenhauffen

BLUFFTON — Everett L. Schladenhauffen, 87, of Bluffton died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007, at 5:20 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Schladenhauffen was a self-employed floor-covering installer. He was a 1939 graduate of Kirklin Township School. He served in the U.S. Army for four years during World War II. He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church.

He was born April 6, 1920, in Kirklin Township, Adams County, to Emil and Lillie (Feisley) Schladenhauffen.

He married Luella M. Gerber on April 21, 1946, in Bluffton. She survives.

Also surviving are four children and spouses, Gary and Nancy Schladenhauffen of Craigville, Mark and Sue Schladenhauffen of Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, Keith and Delores Schladenhauffen of Francesville, and Mrs. Luann Brock of Tampa, Fla.; two brothers, Warren Schladenhauffen of Garrett and Harold Schladenhauffen of Bluffton; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Amos, Charles and Sam Schladenhauffen; and three sisters, Clara Fiechter, Esther Schliman and Edith Stultz.

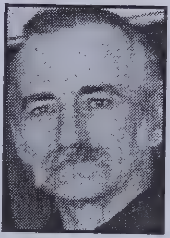
Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bluffton North Apostolic Christian Church with ministers Nile Bucher and John Reinhard officiating. Burial will be the Apostolic Christian Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the church. The American Legion Post will be in charge of a committal service.

Memorials are to Christian Care Retirement or the Alzheimer's Association.

Kenneth Hosek Sr.

CONSTANTINE, Mich. — Kenneth John Hosek Sr., 59, of Constantine, Mich., formerly of Montgomery, Mich., died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007, in Mendon, Mich.


Mr. Hosek

Mr. Hosek worked as a lumberjack as well as a farmer.

He was a graduate of Quincy High School. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, racing cars and going to car shows.

He was born Dec. 7, 1947, in Hillsdale, Mich., to William and Dorothy Helen (Priest) Hosek. Both preceded him in death.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Lacy Hosek and Arthur Brazee of Litchfield, Mich., a son and daughter-in-law, Kenny Hosek and Jennifer Marshall; six grandchildren, Griffin, Xavier, Samantha, Alex, Kerry and Zach; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Gloria Hosek of Montgomery; and a sister and brother-in-law, Kay Frances and James Knauss of Mesa, Ariz.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Ray-Covenanter Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Delores Colpetsir

BRONSON, Mich. — Delores M. Colpetsir, 76, of Bronson died at 9:15 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Colpetsir

Mrs. Colpetsir had retired from Emma Products in Emma and had previously been employed by Ivers Lee and Grumman Olson.

She was a member of Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Colpetsir enjoyed spending time sewing items for her grandchildren, tending to her flower garden and gospel and bluegrass music.

She was born May 4, 1931, in LaGrange to Arthur and Evelyn (Parsons) Spearow. She first married Dale Schoenauer on June 24, 1947, in Winslow, Wash. The couple later divorced. She then married Arlin Colpetsir on Oct. 6, 1951, at the Chapel in the Garden at Angola. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Steven Schoenauer of Olive Branch, Miss.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Debra and Jack Paulus of Sturgis, Mich., and Diane Urquizo of Bronson, Mich.; a sister, Marion Lee Hopkins of Tulsa, Okla.; a brother, Ed Baker of Sturgis, Mich.; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; her stepfather, Ray Metzger; a son, Donald Schoenauer; a grandson, Jason Lantz; and a great-granddaughter, Shiah Lantz.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the family, Five Corners Baptist Church or the Community Health Center of Branch County Hospice.

Condolences are to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Dona Wiedenhoeft

KENDALLVILLE — Dona Jean Wiedenhoeft, 89, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Wiedenhoeft

Mrs. Wiedenhoeft was a homemaker and taught high school English early on in her life.

She was born Dec. 7, 1917, in Warsaw to George and Thelma (Frankford) Mowry. She married August E. Wiedenhoeft on June 13, 1944, in Columbia, S.C. He died May 21, 2007.

Surviving are a son, David Wiedenhoeft of Carlsbad, N.M.; and friends, Deb and Dick Rodman of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Jill Wiedenhoeft, and a sister, Marilyn.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
September 13, 2007, Thursday

James McCullough

LIGONIER — James R. McCullough, 59, of Milford and formerly of Cromwell died at 6:20 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at Lakeland Rehabilitation & Health Care Center in Milford.

Mr. McCullough had moved to the area several years ago from North Manchester.

He had worked in the automotive industry until retiring in 1999.

Mr. McCullough enjoyed collecting NASCAR items and coins.

He was known as a jokester by his family.

Mr. McCullough was a Jehovah's Witness, attending the Cromwell congregation.

He was born Feb. 22, 1948, in Wabash to Lawrence and Margaret (Kingery) McCullough. He and his wife, Betty, were married June 24, 1972. She died in 2007.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brent and Becca McCullough of Syracuse; two daughters and a son-in-law, Amy McCullough of Middletown, Ohio, and Carissa and Darrell Sweeney of Syracuse; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Ruth McCullough of Dixon, Tenn.; and four grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his mother in 1988, his father in 1967, and his mother-in-law, Mary Cathern Bolinger in 2007.

Services will be at a later date.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Brent McCullough in memory of his father.

J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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Martha Wiler

AUBURN — Martha J. Wiler, 77, of Auburn died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Wiler worked as an inspector at Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. in Auburn for 36 years, retiring in 1992. She attended the former Missionary Church in Auburn. She loved to bowl.

She was born Feb. 22, 1930, in Marshall County to Kenneth M. and Ruby B. (Kanarr) VanGilder.

She married M. Lyle Wiler on Nov. 21, 1953, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tina M. and Michael Metzger of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Rosemary and Robert Neff of Columbus; three grandchildren, Tyler Tharpe, Kelly Rowe, and Greg Metzger; and five great-grandchildren, Kyle Rowe, Taylor Rowe, Emily Rowe, Jack Tharpe and Becca Metzger.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Junior VanGilder; and one sister, Wilma Shorts.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Bill Hardy

FORT WAYNE — Bill H. Hardy, 83, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hardy was a conductor with Conrail for 44 years, retiring in 1985.

A native of South Bend, he was a World War II Army veteran.

Mr. Hardy

Mr. Hardy was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

He was also a member of American Legion Post 296, Masonic Lodge 359 Sol d Bayless, past patron of the Eastern Star, the Fort Wayne Chapter of the Scottish Rite, York Rite and Fort Wayne Shrine.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Miriam L. Hardy of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Sandy Miller of New Albany.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road with the Rev. Leon D. Pomeroy officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home, with an Eastern Star service at 8:15 p.m. and Masonic service at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church.

Vivian Flanagan

ENGLEWOOD, Fla. — Vivian Hope Flanagan, 86, of Englewood, Fla., formerly of Angola, died Monday, Sept. 10, 2007, in Englewood.

Mrs. Flanagan was retired from General Telephone in Angola, where she served as head cashier.

She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, the Angola Moose Auxiliary, Angola Elks, and Angola Legion Auxiliary Post No. 31. She was very proud of receiving her 10-year pin for being a hospice volunteer for Southwest Florida Hospice.

She was born May 28, 1921, in Toledo, Ohio, to Clarence and Gladys (Fife) Bishop. She was married to J. Gerald Flanagan. He preceded her in death Jan. 30, 1982. Her second husband, James Green, survives in Englewood.

She is also survived by two sons, Neil and Kirk Flanagan, both of Albuquerque, N.M.; a daughter, Kathleen Patton of Fort Myers, Fla., three brothers, Phillip McDaniel of Stockton, Calif., Clarence "Bud" Bishop of Brownsburg, and Gary Bishop of Bronson, Fla.; a sister, Nancy Post of Orange Park, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, with the Rev. David Doane officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to Hospice of Southwest Florida in Sarasota, Fla.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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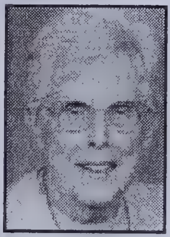
Alice Baney

ANGOLA — Alice E. Baney, 89, of Angola, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007, in Auburn.

She had worked at Fort Wayne General Electric, the U.S. Rubber Company and retired in 1972 from the Fort Wayne Public Schools.


Mrs. Baney

She was a member of Angola Christian Church, Angola Women of the Moose, a former member of the Coldwater, Mich. Eagles Auxiliary, American Legion Post No. 47 Auxiliary in Fort Wayne; Fort Wayne Eastern Star, the Steuben County Council on Aging and the Steuben Woman's Club.

She was born on Aug. 11, 1918, in Imboden, Ark., to Lawrence and Ernestine (Bragg) Nelson, who both preceded her in death. She married Marion Baney on Oct. 21, 1939. He died on Nov. 9, 1994.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Nelson and Shelly Baney of Fort Wayne, and Michael and Debbie Baney on Indianapolis; a brother and sister-in-law, Lawrence and Dorothy Nelson of Ocala, Fla.; two caregiving nieces, Barbara Craig of Angola, and Phyllis Whittaker of Pleasant Lake; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Thelma Hershberger and Esther Erwin.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Marie Bowers

MONROEVILLE — Marie A. Bowers, 101, of Monroeville died at 3:45 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Bowers was a homemaker.

She was a member of the St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church, Harvest House, Rosary Sodality and the Monroeville Senior Citizens.

Mrs. Bowers was a Gold Star Mother.

She was born Sept. 17, 1905, in Allen County to Anton and Martha (Schmidt) Herber. She married Earl J. Bowers on June 21, 1941, in Hessen Castle. He died Oct. 17, 1971.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy Drewes of Anna, Ohio, Marcia and Steve Pyle of Kendallville and Noreen Hilliard of San Diego, Calif.; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Michael Bowers, William and Cheryl Bowers, Thomas and Pat Bowers and John and Anita Bowers, all of Monroeville; 23 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jerome Bowers, who was killed in the Vietnam War in 1969; a daughter, Brenda Hanchar in 2003; two brothers, Robert Herber and Ambrose Herber; and two sisters, Blanche Herber in 1981, and Sister Mary Evangelista S.P. in 2006.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church, 15535 E. Lincoln Highway, New Haven, with Father Steve Colchin officiating. A prayer service will be at 9:20 a.m. Monday at Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, 111 S. Water St., Monroeville.

Burial will be in St. Louis Besancon Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from noon to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with a rosary service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are Masses to the church, St. Louis Academy or St. Mary of the Woods.

Condolences may be sent online to www.zwickjahn.com.

Roland Lower

WOLCOTTVILLE — Roland Lower, 64, of rural Wolcottville died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007, at his home.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

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Anna Fulk

CHURUBUSCO — Anna Lee Fulk, 78, of Ligonier and formerly of Albion died at 7:20 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007, at Avalon Village in Ligonier where she had been a resident the past three years.

Mrs. Fulk had retired in 1993 after 23 years of service with Wolf Lake Products.

She had lived in Eel River Township and graduated from Huntertown High School in 1946. Following her marriage she lived in Churubusco and moved to Albion in 1963.

She was born Oct. 16, 1928, in Fort Wayne to Maurice and Blanche (Remaly) Adams. She married Harold R. Fulk on April 25, 1948. He died May 1, 1985.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Vickie and Gary Smith of Albion; four grandchildren, Misty Smith-Pegan and Jeremiah Smith, both of Kendallville, Nickie Allen Fulk Jr. of Traverse City, Mich., and Tyler Fulk of Garrett; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sons, Rickie Fulk, David Fulk and Nickie Fulk; and three brothers, Eugene Adams, Dale Adams and Lyle Adams.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Carroll McNutt of the Ari Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Saturday and one hour prior to services Sunday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Millard Poppy

STURGIS, Mich. — Millard C. Poppy, 87, of Sturgis, Mich., died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2007, at Thurston Woods Village in Sturgis.

Mr. Poppy was a member of the Galilean Baptist Mission that established all Baptist churches in Michigan. He also helped establish the Tri Lakes Baptist Church in Brighton, Mich., and was a member of First Baptist Church in Sturgis.

He graduated from Wawaka High School in 1939 and continued his education at Grace College at Winona Lake. He attend seminary at Temple Missionary Training School in Fort Wayne and was ordained on May 22, 1956.

Mr. Poppy was born in Rome City on Aug. 30, 1920, to Carlton and Gracie (Barrett) Poppy. He married Helen Marie Fisher on April 25, 1943, in Rome City. She died May 1, 2007.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Lelan and Betty Poppy of DeLeon Springs, Fla.; a nephew, Steven Fisher of Wolcottville; a niece, Connie Garton of Rome City; and a cousin, Marjorie Rowlison of LaGrange.

He was also preceded in death by three sisters and one brother.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. James Bender officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice of Michigan.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com

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LaGrange man drowns in pond

Joseph Miller, 89, remembered as the 'candy grandpa'

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LAGRANGE — An 89-year-old LaGrange man drowned late Friday morning after slipping into a private pond.

Joseph E. Miller was operating a weed eater around a private pond in the area of C.R. 375W and U.S. 20 at about 11:30 a.m. Friday when he slipped into deep water and was unable to get back to shore, according to Indiana Department of Natural Resources public information officer Rodney Clear. Miller was discovered by his son-in-law. Miller had been working around the pond for approximately one hour. Indiana conservation officer Todd Lang is investigating the incident.

According to family members, Miller was always keeping himself busy. A former farmer, he did construction before retiring. His passion, though, was his family. Miller married twice, first to Edna Edith Coblentz-Miller, then to Barbara Miller, both of whom preceded him in death. He had seven daughters, five sons, four stepsons and seven stepdaughters. His love for his family is what he will be remembered for most.

"Everyone loved him," said Mary Boerger, his daughter. "If they didn't like to talk to him, he'd talk to them anyway."

With 12 children of his own and many stepchildren, Miller had many grandchildren. He made sure to spend time with each grandchild individually. Described by family as the "candy grandpa," he also kept sweet treats around for the grandchildren.

Though he was there for his family to have fun and be kind, he tried to be helpful as well.

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Miller's son, Irvine Miller, said Joseph helped with various medical issues over the years. When someone got a cut or scrape, he would stitch them together and take care of them.

"He was always the family doctor," said son-in-law Wayne Yoder. "He could heal anyone.

His helpful nature extended beyond his own family and into his surrounding community. When the Palm Sunday tornadoes hit the LaGrange area in 1965, he volunteered his time in cleaning up and taking care of people.

"He'd come back with all kinds of stories," said daughter Linda Graber. "He helped a great many people during that time."

Miller's daughter, Naomi Yoder, remembered how much he loved to travel and visit anyone and anywhere he could. Though he loved visiting his family and friends, he made regular visits to church. His faith and life served as a role model to those in his family, they said.

"He always was a true example of a good Christian man," said Marie Miller, daughter-in-law. "He was a living example of what his children and grandchildren should be."

LaGrange County Coroner Bruce Coney ruled Miller's death as asphyxia due to drowning later Friday.

Indiana conservation officer Todd Lang responded to the scene, and was assisted by conservation officer Detective Sgt. Gary Whitaker, the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department and the LaGrange County EMS.

Details about arrangements for burial and services are pending.

Jennette Balthazar

OSTERVILLE, Mass. — Jeannette M. (Moats) Balthazar, 85, of Osterville, Mass., and formerly of Garrett, died Sept. 6, 2007, at the Cape Regency in Centerville, Mass.

Surviving are her husband, Herbert Balthazar of Osterville, Mass.; a son, Scott Balthazar of Westchester, Pa.; a brother, Jack Moats of Auburn; a sister, Gwen Steigmeyer of Garrett; and a grandson, David A. Balthazar of Westchester, Pa.

Services and burial were private.

James Sobieski

KENDALLVILLE — James Sobieski, 64, of Kendallville died Friday at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Edith Bash

FORT WAYNE — Edith R Bash, 87, formerly of Lake Gage, died Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Frankfort, Germany, she was a homemaker.

She was a member of American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 423, Orland. She graduated from Central High School in 1937 and attended St. Joseph School of Nursing. She loved her family and Indiana basketball.

She is survived by a son, John R. "Dick" Bash of Angola; a grandson, Robert W. Bash III of Cherry Hill, N.J.; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emil and Helena Dannhof Reusch; a son, Robert W. Bash Jr., and a sister.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling two hours prior.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery. Memorials are to Orland Fire Rescue.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include calling hours that were inadvertently omitted by this newspaper.*

Vivian Flanagan

ENGLEWOOD, Fla. — Vivian Hope Flanagan, 86, of Englewood, Fla., formerly of Angola, died Monday, Sept. 10, 2007, in Englewood.

Mrs. Flanagan was retired from General Telephone in Angola, where she served as head cashier.

She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, the Angola Moose Auxiliary, Angola Elks, and Angola Legion Auxiliary Post No. 31. She was very proud of receiving her 10-year pin for being a hospice volunteer for Southwest Florida Hospice.

She was born May 28, 1921, in Toledo, Ohio, to Clarence and Gladys (Fife) Bishop. She was married to J. Gerald Flanagan. He preceded her in death Jan. 30, 1982. Her second husband, James Green, survives in Englewood.

She is also survived by two sons, Neil and Kirk Flanagan, both of Albuquerque, N.M.; a daughter, Kathleen Patton of Fort Myers, Fla., three brothers, Phillip McDaniel of Stockton, Calif., Clarence "Bud" Bishop of Brownsburg, and Gary Bishop of Bronson, Fla.; a sister, Nancy Post of Orange Park, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, with the Rev. David Doane officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to Hospice of Southwest Florida in Sarasota, Fla.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Virginia Fee

AUBURN — Virginia Fee, 82, of Auburn died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fee was a teacher at Ashley High School and later served as a substitute teacher at DeKalb High School.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, where she had served as an elder and a deacon. She was active in the church's Omega Fellowship.

She was a member of the former Auburn Woman's Club and the Kenwigs Literary Club. She was especially fond of her pet dog, Apache.

She graduated from Covington High School and then from Purdue University in 1947.

She was born Aug. 28, 1925, in Covington to Homer and Effie (Myers) McDonald.

She married Leland Fee of Hamilton on July 10, 1948, in Covington, and he survives.

Also surviving are five children and their spouses, Christine and Albert Cavazos of LaJoya, Texas, Brian and Lanette Fee of Chapel Hill, N.C., Lisa Baum of Hobe Sound, Fla., David Fee of Gainesville, Ga., and Janet and Michael Fisher of Valrico, Fla.; seven grandchildren, John, Melissa and Amelia Fee, Bradley and Tyler Baum and Ryan and Zachary Fisher; three stepgrandchildren, Albert, Jaime and Carlos Cavazos; and a brother and sister-in-law, Homer and Esteleen McDonald of Hillsboro.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Nancy Becker and the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

The family requests that no flowers be sent. Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

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Roland Lower

WOLCOTTVILLE — Roland "Ron" Lower, 64, of Wolcottville died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007, at his residence following a two-week illness.

A lifetime LaGrange County resident, Mr. Lower had lived in the Pretty Lake area since 1969. One of his favorite hobbies was mushroom hunting.

At one time, Mr. Lower worked as a meat cutter with Super Valu. He was the owner of Lower Insulation, and at one time owned Home Market in Howe and Pretty Lake Beach.

He was born in Sturgis, Mich., Aug. 17, 1943, the son of Justin "Bud" and Caroline (Gilberth) Lower, both whom preceded him in death. Mr. Lower married Alice Feller in Valentine on Nov. 5, 1961. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Shellie and Roedonald Polly and Kellie and Douglas Stewart, all of Kendallville; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert Lower of Howe, Eric and Teia Lower of Wolcottville and Derek and Cindi Lower of Pleasant Lake; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, with one more on the way; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Betty Jean Troyer of Howe, Ruth Shipe of South Carolina, Janet and Joseph Peters and Clarabelle and Del Miller, all of LaGrange; and one brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Fannie Lower of LaGrange.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Dorothy M. Boocher and Vera Shew; one brother, Lee D. Lower; and one grandson.

Services will be Tuesday at noon at Young Family Funeral Home Kendallville Chapel with the Ergle Calhoun officiating. Burial be at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be Monday from 3-7 p.m. at Young Family Funeral Home Kendallville Chapel.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Stella Mottinger

FREMONT — Stella M. Mottinger, 89, of Fremont died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A former Dolton, Ill. resident, she was a homemaker. She was a member and baptized at St. Mary's Catholic Church at Riverdale, Ill. Mrs. Mottinger enjoyed cooking, playing pinochle and bowling.

Mrs. Mottinger was born Aug. 18, 1918, in Riverdale, Ill., the daughter of Frank and Paulina (Panozzo) Lottino. She married Carl Eugene "Curly" Mottinger, who preceded her in death in January 1982.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Carol Jean and Ted Gilding of Villa Rica, Ga., Delores Lola and Earl Willey of Greenwood Village, Colo., Jacqueline Seibert of White Pigeon, Mich. and Marilyn Ann and Jake Baker of Fremont; four sons and two daughters-in-law, James Brian Mottinger and Robert Wayne Mottinger, both of Ponca City, Okla., Carl Eugene and Susan Mottinger, Jr. of Crete, Ill. and John Joseph and Pam Mottinger of Lansing, Ill.; 17 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one brother, Alphonse Lottino; and two sisters, Anne Berry and Patricia Chialdella.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Hazel.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Riverdale, Ill. Burial will be at Oakland Memory Lanes Cemetery in Dolton, Ill.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Smits, DeYoung-Vroegh Funeral Home, 649 E. 162nd St. South Holland, Ill.

Memorials are to American Cancer Society or American Diabetes Association.

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Joe E. Miller

LAGRANGE — Joe E. Miller, 89, of 50 South C.R. 375W, LaGrange, died at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, at his residence.

He was a carpenter and farmer, and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

On May 29, 1918, in LaGrange County, he was born to Ervin and Magdelena (Yoder) Miller. He married Edna Edith Coblenz on Nov. 3, 1937, in Hicksville, Ohio. She preceded him in death on Oct. 28, 1983. He married Barbara Miller in Centerville, Mich. on Oct. 14, 1984. She preceded him in death on Nov. 21, 2004.

Surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Nelson and Ada Miller, and Ray and Velma Miller, all of Shipshewana, Joe Jr. and Ruth Ann Miller, Irvine, Texas, Ervin and Marie Miller, Spencerville, Ind., and Paul Miller, Sarasota, Fla.; six sisters and five sons-in-law, RuthAnn and Gerald Hochstetler, Marion, Mich., Naomi and Wayne Yoder, Middlebury, Lois and Lamar Schumaker, Syracuse, Mary and Victor Boerger, Edgerton, Ohio, Linda Graber, Fort Wayne, and Louise and Arlen Stutzman, Goshen; a sister and brother-in-law, Alma and Orva Miller, Topeka; a brother, Freeman Miller, Hicksville, Ohio; 51 grandchildren; 120 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; 91 step-grandchildren; 241 step-great-grandchildren; three step-great-great-grandchildren; three step-sons; and seven step-daughters.

In addition to his two wives, his parents, a daughter, Wilma Miller, and four grandchildren preceded him in death.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Mervin Miller residence with Bishop Chris Bontrager, the Rev. Sam Barkman and the Rev. Maynard O. Miller officiating.

Pallbearers will be Shannon Miller, Nathan Yoder, Nelson Miller Jr., Jay Miller, Joseph Miller, Paul Miller, Joseph Miller, Shane Wagler, Ryan Stutzman, Rodney Graber, Lynn Schmucker and Daniel Hochstetler.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Lost Creek Cemetery, Hicksville, Ohio.

Heidi Miller

LAGRANGE — Heidi Ann Miller, 18 months, of LaGrange, died Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries sustained in a buggy accident.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Heidi was born on March 10, 2006, in LaGrange to Jerry A. and Rosetta (Yoder) Miller, and they survive in LaGrange.

Also surviving are her maternal grandparents, Jacob J. and Emma Yoder of LaGrange and her paternal grandparents Jacob P. and Nettie Miller of Cassville, Wis.; a sister, Emma Marie Miller, at home; and two brothers Paul John and Jason Harvey Miller, at home.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at the family home at 3200 W C.R. 100N at 9:30 a.m.

Calling will be today after 4 p.m. and all day on Monday at the family home. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery in LaGrange.

Arrangements are being handled by Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Condolences may be left at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Esther Brandon

MONTPELIER, OHIO — Esther J. Brandon, 90, of rural Montpelier, Ohio, died Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, in Harborside Healthcare of Nothwest Ohio, Bryan, Ohio, following an extended illness.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Madison Church of God near Pioneer, Ohio.

On Feb. 9, 1917, in Defiance County, Ohio, she was born to Audrey Moon and Arthur Stantz. She married Eldon R. Brandon on Sept. 28, 1939. He preceded her in death on March 11, 2002.

Surviving are a son, Van A. Brandon, Montpelier, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Iva L. and Carl Mettler, Auburn.; four grandchildren, Roxanna Harden, Michigan, Jeanette and her husband Rick Conn, Garrett, Thomas and his wife Lisa Mettler, Auburn, and Loretta and her husband Ron Walters, Waterloo; 12 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Annetta E. Hancock, Bryan, Ohio.

In addition to her husband and parents, a brother, Arthur Stantz, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Floral Grove Cemetery, Pioneer, Ohio, with Pastor Michael Wilder officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Geesey Funeral Home, Montpelier, for the Madison Church of God or the activity fund for Harborside Healthcare.

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James Sobieski

KENDALLVILLE — James M. Sobieski, 64, Kendallville, died Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

For many years he was employed with Steve Leins Logging Company based out of Frick's Lumber Company in Brimfield, and before that he worked at Lane Foundry in Kendallville.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and served his country during the Vietnam Era. He was a life member of the Francis Vinyard V.F.W. Post 2749 in Kendallville, and American Legion Post 381 in Rome City.

Mr. Sobieski was very patriotic and proudly participated with the V.F.W. honor guard on funeral detail.

He loved collecting eagles and enjoyed drawing and art.

On Sept. 25, 1942, in Fort Wayne, he was born to Waunita (Sobieski) Hursey.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Mary Ann Shepherd, Fort Wayne, and Teri Lynn and Jason Quesenbery, Jacksonville, Fla.; five grandchildren, Alec and Morgan Grime, and Caitlin, Cheyenne and Chance Quesenbery; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Deb Hursey, Kendallville; three aunts, Joan and Thelma Sobieski, both of Kendallville, and Alice Sobieski, Butler; and a cousin and her spouse, Tammy and Jack Rhodes, Kendallville.

Mr. Sobieski

Preceding him in death were his mother in 1988; grandparents Mary Ann (Dreyer) and Mathew Sobieski; two uncles, James and William Sobieski; and his half brother, Terry Hursey in 1975.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Lourdino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers will be V.F.W. and American Legion members.

Calling will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hite Funeral Home to help the family with funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Garrett man served God, country, family with smiles and laughter

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Delmer Smith was known for his laughter, his love of family and country and his expertise as a railroad engineer. A World War II U.S. Navy veteran, he received the Presidential Unit Citation while attached to the 1st Division Marines of Okinawa.

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GARRETT — Delmer Smith was a man who loved to laugh and make others laugh.

He also loved his family, working for the railroad, living in Garrett, going to church, a dog named Daisy Mae, and the sugar-free key lime and raspberry pies homemade especially for him by his daughter-in-law.

Forever the clown who liked to make others laugh, he will be remembered as a man who could perfectly imitate a dog bark and the voice of Donald Duck, who performed amusing tricks while roller skating and who liked to splash everyone while doing cannonballs and playing with the kids — like a kid — at the Garrett Community Pool.

Delmer Smith was 86 when he died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2007.

Born in Garrett on Nov. 28, 1920, to Carl A. and Dora E. (Barrone) Smith, Delmer lived his entire life in Garrett, except when he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He and his future wife, Betty Miller, knew each other as students at Garrett High School and together, after the war, they naturally chose Garrett to settle down and raise their family.

Delmer served with the Seabees as a water tender second class, receiving special training in deep-sea diving. He was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation while attached to the 1st Division Marines of Okinawa and he was extremely proud of his —and his comrades' — service to their country.

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Del Marie Burchardt of Oregon — named after her father, who thought he and Betty were having a boy — remembers her dad's dedication and support of the U.S. military.

"'Do not ever forget the ones who served in wars before and after me, the many who lost their lives,' he used to say to me," Burchardt said. "It affected him and many others in ways we will never know. He said to never stop praying for them; they need our support and prayers even if some of us disagree with the wars."

Delmer was proud that three of his grandsons were in the military and served in Desert Storm and the war in Iraq, Burchardt said.

Returning home to Garrett after World War II, Delmer took a job with the B&O Railroad, where he would remain for 44 years, serving as an engineer and fireman. He immersed himself in family, church and community activities at the Garrett Presbyterian Church, the American Legion and Lakewood Park Church. He also volunteered countless hours at the Garrett Recycling Center, Meals on Wheels and Community Cares.

Garrett rewarded Delmer by naming him its Citizen of the Year in 2001.

A friend and co-worker on the railroad, Herman Jensen of Garrett, remembers that Delmer was a good engineer — "a good man to work with." The two worked together for 41 years, and Jensen said Delmer's reputation as "being knowledgeable and good at what he did" earned a lot of respect from others on the railroad.

Growing up with their father, what his children remember most are the good times and the laughter.

"My dad was a wise man, a good teacher," said daughter Brenda Viers of South Carolina. "Although he was hardworking, he always had time for us, even to share his days off with us. He took us to Pretty Lake for swimming and picnics, to Wall Lake to visit our grandparents, swimming at the Garrett pool and to Pokagon State Park for tobogganing. What a blast we had!"

"He would even take the other kids in the neighborhood who otherwise would not have been able to go," said daughter Debbie Smith of Garrett. "The more the merrier was his way of thinking. It was before seat-belt laws, and dad would just pack us in the car like sardines."

Even in high school, Betty Smith remembers her husband making people laugh.

"He was on the football and basketball teams, and once he and another guy put on a silly wrestling match which made everyone laugh," she said.

Delmer graduated from Garrett High School in 1940 and was on the winning basketball team that advanced to the super regional (now called semistate). His photo is in the Garrett High School Hall of Fame, next to Sarah Bigelow Creager, Delmer's granddaughter, who was a pitcher for the GHS softball team in 1992.

Delmer and Betty Smith celebrated their 67th anniversary on June 16 with their children, Myron, Timothy, David, Brenda, Debbie and Del Marie, as well as 16 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

Delmer's sister, Cleo Talley, also lives in Garrett and remembers growing up with her brother and four other siblings.

"He and another brother would go out and find snakes and toads and bring them back to the house and scare mom and me to death with them," Cleo remembers with a laugh. "They wouldn't stop until we locked ourselves in the bedroom."

Del Marie remembers that her father often took his kids shopping, and they didn't always like the results.

"He always seemed to buy us sturdy, durable shoes, which I hated because I thought kids would make fun of them, especially boys," Del Marie said. "But dad always said, 'You will have good shoes and regular six-month dental exams.'"

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Worshiping God was a high priority for Delmer, instilled in him as a young boy. Betty Smith remembers when Delmer received an award in high school after attending Sunday school for 14 consecutive years without missing a single session.

Delmer helped his wife around the house — vacuuming, doing the dishes, picking up after the kids — even though he took a ribbing for it at work. Once, when his co-workers were giving him an especially hard time about doing "lady's work," Delmer replied curtly that he didn't ask for or want their opinion.

"He especially loved kids and always wanted to help people," Betty Smith said.

"Dad always helped my mother with housework, and when he was out on the railroad he always told us to help her out," remembers Burchardt. "I think dad did everything except the laundry."

That training may have begun in Delmer's childhood, when sister Cleo would find Delmer's clothing carelessly flung on the floor. "I would take it and throw it on the front porch and tell him to go get it and put it away properly," Cleo Talley said.

"He always told mom what a good meal she had prepared for us, always complimented her in every way a husband should," Burchardt said.

"We should all learn from that."

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Elizabeth Stull

COLDWATER, Mich. — Elizabeth M. Stull, 86, of Coldwater, Mich., formerly of LaGrange, died Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, in Coldwater.

Mrs. Stull

Mrs. Stull was a loving wife and mother.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Hillsdale, Mich.

She was born on Sept. 8, 1921, in New Boston Township, Mich., to Fred and Susanna (Hoffman) Nowitzke, who both preceded her in death. She married Clarence W. Ries on March 26, 1942, who preceded her in death. She married Harlan Stull on Oct. 6, 1973. He died Jan. 1, 2004.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Scott and Mary Ries of Chandler, Ariz., and Frederick W. Ries of Phoenix; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Carol and David Brown of Quincy, Mich., Suzanne and David Gregory of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Patricia Ries of Angola; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a stepson, Devon Stull of Plymouth; and a stepdaughter, Dawn Stull Migura of Texas.

She was also preceded in death two brothers, Charles Fred Nowitzke and Frederick Harold Nowitzke; and a stepdaughter, Joyce Stull Moser.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Donna Brown officiating. Burial will be in Barber Cemetery in Tyner.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Vadis Bailey

CHURUBUSCO — Vadis V. Bailey, 91, of Blue Lake near Churubusco died at 5:20 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, at St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bailey had been in declining health and a resident of the nursing home the past three years.

Among her survivors are two sons, Bruce and Richard Bailey, both of Churubusco, and a daughter, Barbara Kinger of Winter Haven, Fla.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Dorothy Checkner

FREMONT — Dorothy I. Checkner, 92, of Fremont, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Elizabeth Spichiger

ANGOLA — Elizabeth J. "Betty" Spichiger, 82, of Angola, formerly of Linn Grove, died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Spichiger was a homemaker, sold Avon and worked as a beautician.

She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola, the Angola American Legion Post No. 31 Auxiliary; and the VFW Auxiliary in Angola. She was an avid bingo and card player, a devoted mother, grandmother and wife.

She was born on Aug. 12, 1925, in Decatur to Miles and Izora (Thornhill) Roop, who both preceded her in death. She married Robert Spichiger on Feb. 21, 1947. He survives

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Pamela Spichiger of Louisville, Ky.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Theresa and Richard Meyer of Huntley, Ill., Debra and Richard Lautz of Holland, Ohio; and Patti Ratcliffe and Annette Sodders of Toledo, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas and Robert Roop; and a son-in-law, Rondal Ratcliffe.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral home in Angola, with the Revs. Tom Sagendorf and Deborah Davis officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and Home Health Care.

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Kathryn Ball

LIGONIER — Kathryn R. Ball, 51, of Ligonier died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Ball

Mrs. Ball was a homemaker and had lived in Ligonier the past 41 years.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, gardening and caring for her pets.

She was born March 12, 1956, in Berwind, W.Va., to George and Alice (Webb) Baker. She married Archie Ball on June 5, 1971. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jammie and Efrain Salas and Teresa and Cristobal Campos, all of Ligonier; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Bradley Baker of Norwalk, Ohio, George and Betty Baker of Fort Wayne and Gregory and Kristina Baker of Ligonier; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mindy and Bill Lang of Cromwell, Frances Baker of Ligonier and Alice and Richard Welch of Jessup, Md.; and 10 grandchildren, Alex Flores, Amy Campos, Bianca Campos, Chava Campos, Matthew Campos, Kiara Campos, Alia Sarris, Frankie Salas, Vanessa Salas and Jesenia Salas.

She was preceded in death by a son, Christopher Ball, and her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Apostolic Faith Church of God in Our Lord Jesus Christ, 317 Pigeon St., Ligonier, with Pastor Joseph Brickey officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to the family

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

Tyler King

AUBURN — Tyler J. King, 17, of Auburn died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, in Auburn

Born in Jackson, Mich., he was a student at DeKalb High School. He loved hunting and fishing.

Tyler King

Surviving are his father, Jeffrey L. King of Michigan; his mother, Rena King of Auburn; a maternal grandmother, Millie Trousdale of Jackson, Mich.; his great-grandmother, Edith Fowler of Jackson, Mich.; many aunts and uncles and his cousins.

Services will be Wednesday at 4 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev. Al Black will officiate.

Calling will be Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family for funeral expenses.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error in information submitted to the newspaper.*

Martha Wiler

AUBURN — Martha J. Wiler, 77, of Auburn died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Wiler worked as an inspector at Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. in Auburn for 36 years, retiring in 1992. She attended the former Missionary Church in Auburn. She loved to bowl.

She was born Feb. 22, 1930, in Marshall County to Kenneth M. and Ruby B. (Kanarr) VanGilder.

She married M. Lyle Wiler on Nov. 21, 1953, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tina M. and Michael Metzger of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Rosemary and Robert Neff of Columbus; three grandchildren, Tyler Tharpe, Kelly Rowe, and Greg Metzger; and five great-grandchildren, Kyle Rowe, Taylor Rowe, Emily Rowe, Jake Tharpe and Becca Metzger.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Junior VanGilder; and one sister, Wilma Shorts.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Brent Fox III

ROME CITY — Brent Leonal Fox III, 59, of Flower Mound, Texas, and formerly of Rome City died Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Indianapolis while traveling home for a visit to Indiana.

Mr. Fox

Mr. Fox was a self-employed carpenter.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1965 and proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and was dedicated to the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a former commander of Rome City American Legion Post 381, life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Denton, Texas, and member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Mr. Fox loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed traveling, camping and bonfires. He especially loved attending the Vietnam veterans reunion held in Kokomo each year.

He was a Dallas Cowboys and Indianapolis Colts football fan and loved his pets.

He was born in Sturgis, Mich., on Dec. 20, 1947, to Brent L. Jr. and Janet (Greene) Fox. He married Maryjo Allen on Dec. 31, 1990. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Kelly and Jason Burris and Lisa Fox, all of Fishers; a son, Brent Fox IV of Rome City; his stepchildren, Donovan Fuller of Roanoke, Texas, Brian and Angela Fuller of Slidell, Texas, and Benjamin Fuller of Houston, Texas; a daughter-in-law, Rochelle Fuller of Denton, Texas; seven grandchildren Riley, Jared, Grey, Dylen, Ben, Michael and Jason; a sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Stan Fraze of Fort Wayne; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Brad and Paula Fox and Pat and Karen Fox, all of Rome City, and Barry Fox of Elkhart; his mother-in-law, Genevieve Allen of Haltom City, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1993; his mother in 1994; and his father-in-law, Floyd Allen, in 2002.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Michael McKinney officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. Honorary pallbearers will be Jim McClure, Hal Miller and grandchildren, Riley and Jared Burris and Greg and Dylen Fox.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Disabled American Veterans, Rome City American Legion or the Denton, Texas VFW Post.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Floyd Clifton

PLEASANT LAKE — Floyd Edward "Ed" Clifton, 78, died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Clifton was the owner of Clifton Construction from 1958 to 2000.

He was a member of the Pleasant Lake Lions Club, the Angola Odd Fellows lodge, the Angola Moose lodge, Gold Wing Road Riders Association, Chapter U of Angola, and Abate of Indiana. He enjoyed motorcycling and water skiing.

He was born May 16, 1929, in Wren, Ohio, to Harry and Jennie (Culbertson) Clifton, who both preceded him in death. He married Amy Lou Mays on May 28, 1974. She preceded him in death on Sept. 1, 2003.

He is survived by three sons, Gregg Clifton of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and Herbert and John Clifton, both of Angola; a stepson, Ralph Johnson of Bryan, Ohio; a daughter, Michelle Clifton of Fort Wayne; four stepdaughters, Karen Sue Westrick of Cromwell, Diane Johnson of Flamingo, Fla., Cindy Bryan of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Julie Morr of Pioneer, Ohio; a brother, Duane Clifton of Wren; 10 grandchildren; 13 step-grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren..

Graveside services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Pleasant Lake Cemetery, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

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Sue Whitehead

GOSHEN — Sue Ann Whitehead, 76, of Goshen died at 7:08 a.m. Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Whitehead

Mrs. Whitehead was a 1949 graduate of Goshen High School and worked as a secretary in several Elkhart offices.

She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the Goshen General Hospital Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 26, 1931, in Goshen to Christian Dresch and Pauline (Dumas) Heeter. She married Glen Whitehead Jr. on Oct. 7, 1950, in Goshen. He died Aug. 23, 1993.

Surviving are her companion, Glen Shuder of Goshen; two daughters, Tere Morguson of South Bend and Kelly Whitehead of Kendallville; a stepsister and her husband, Peg and Guy Zimmerman of Fort Wayne; and two granddaughters, Alisun and Megan Morguson, both of Indianapolis.

She was also preceded in death by an infant son and a brother, Denny Dresch.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church with Father Chris Smith officiating. Burial will be in Violett Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, 311 S. Main St., Goshen, with a rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospital Care at Home/Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.rrefh.com.

Vadis Bailey

CHURUBUSCO — Vadis V. Bailey, 91, of Blue Lake near Churubusco died at 5:20 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, at St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne where she had been a resident three years.

Mrs. Bailey

Mrs. Bailey was a homemaker and 1935 graduate of Bluffton High School.

She had lived in the Blue Lake area since 1947 and spent winters in Winter Haven, Fla., for the past 27 years.

She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel.

Mrs. Bailey enjoyed her church and loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She was born Aug. 22, 1916, near Uniondale to Archie and Orpha (Wake) Park. She married Joseph Bailey on April 21, 1940, in Bluffton. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Bruce and Lois Bailey and Richard Bailey, all of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Robert Konger of Winter Haven; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Steve Pulley officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian St., B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Mary Campbell

BUTLER — Mary L. Campbell, 86, died Sunday evening, Sept. 16, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Campbell retired from Edgerton Metals in 1983 after 27 years of service.

She was born Aug. 19, 1921, in Fremont to Ira and Mabel (Eddinger) Bartlow. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Ruth and David Stensland of Monroeville and Joyce Perry of Edgerton, Ohio; two brothers, Ira Bartlow Jr. of Florida and William Bartlow of Indiana; five grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

There will be no calling or services.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is handling arrangements.

Rachel Cutler

ALTONA — Rachel N. Cutler, 82, of Altona died Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Surviving are her husband, Kenny Cutler of Altona; two sons, Kenny Cutler Jr. of Altona and Ronald Cutler of Louisville, Ky.; and two daughters, Pamela Tackett and Norma Thomson, both of Garrett.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

A full obituary will be published in Wednesday's edition.

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Vonda Collins

STROH — Vonda Collins, 61, of Stroh died Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, at her home near Stroh with her family by her side.

Mrs. Collins

Mrs. Collins had lived in Indiana for 44 years.

She loved her family and cherished her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved her Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church family and worshipping God.

Mrs. Collins enjoyed planting and tending to her flower gardens and sewing.

She was born in McKee, Ky., on Dec. 27, 1945, to Toney and Ethel Mae (Gibson) McKinney. She married her childhood sweetheart, Willie Collins, on June 1, 1963, at Rock Fork Creek, near Garrett, Ky.

Surviving are her husband, the Rev. Willie Collins of Stroh; seven daughters and five sons-in-law, Teresa Collins and her companion, Randy Sliger, and Bridget and Brent Sage, all of Kendallville, Ronda and Bill Adamo of Garrett, Sandra and Dominick Green, Brittney and Richard Smith and Brooke Collins, all of Stroh, and Deborah and Gary Green of Hudson; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Judy and James Collins and Janet Arnold, all of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Jimmy and Vickie Scott of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Willie Dewayne Halsey in 1988; and three infant brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh with the Rev. John White, the Rev. Lee Combs, and the Rev. Bethel Bolen officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville. Pallbearers will be James Collins, Ted Slone, Earl Handshoe, Damon Handshoe, Jim Tuttle, Oberine Gibson and Oscar Handshoe. Honorary pallbearers will be Claude Manns, Mark Gayheart, Denzil Hyler, Bill Wicker and the Rev. Birtchell Mosley Jr.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the church with services each evening at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the Collins family in care of Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Dominic Rowe

GARRETT — Dominic Matthew Beau Rowe, an infant, died Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his parents, Sandra and Beau Rowe of Garrett; three sisters, Casondra, Adria and Eanna Rowe, all at home; maternal grandparents, Jackie and Michael Schultiz of Garrett and John and Betty Jefferies of Fremont, Ohio; and paternal grandparents, Steph Rowe and Todd Clady of Garrett and Rudy Rowe of Garrett.

Services will be Thursday at 4 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Nathan O'Dell

WOLCOTTVILLE — Nathan B. O'Dell, 62, of Wolcottville died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

John Tuttle

AUBURN — John F. Tuttle, 80, of Auburn, died today, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

Leslie Taner

RICHMOND, Va. — Leslie W. Taner, 60, of Richmond, Va., formerly of Angola, died Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Taner worked in the trucking industry, and served two tours of duty in the Army in Vietnam.

He graduated from Angola High School and was a longtime resident of Angola before moving first to Lafayette, then Richmond.

He was born in Angola on Feb. 28, 1947, to Robert and Ruth Taner, who both preceded him in death. He married Rebecca Lehman on Aug. 11, 1979. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jacqueline Lehman of Winterhaven, Fla., and Courtney and Tony Lawson of New Haven; a brother, Carl Taner of Angola; a sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Ed McMillen of Angola; and two grandchildren.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to sharooney9@msn.com.

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Dr. B. Anthony DiBlasi

OSWEGO, N.Y. — Dr. B. Anthony "Tony" DiBlasi, 74, of Oswego died Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2007, surrounded by his wife and family.

Dr. DiBlasi was a U.S. Army veteran.

He graduated from Bryant High School in 1951. He graduated from Fordham University in 1955 and from NYU in 1959 with a DDS degree.

Dr. DiBlasi moved to Oswego in 1962 and opened his own dental practice. He continued his practice until 2000.

He was a member of the Oswego Country Club, Kiwanis Club, Academy of General Dentistry, 5th District Dental Society and the Oswego County Dental Society.

Dr. DiBlasi was a communicant of St. Mary's Church.

He was born in Bronx, N.Y., to James and Martha (Spinuzza) DiBlasi. He married Margaret Spaulding April 15, 1961, in Fort Eustis, Va. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, James and Heather DiBlasi of Syracuse, N.Y., Daniel and Alisa DiBlasi of Salem, N.Y., and Andrew and Susan DiBlasi of Oswego; a sister-in-law, Alleen Mapes of Rome City; and nine grandchildren.

No local services are planned.

Mike Stephenson

CINCINNATI — Mike Stephenson, 49, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and formerly of DeKalb County died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007, in Tavernier, Fla.

He had been employed at Huhtamaki in Ohio.

Mr. Stephenson grew up in Key Biscayne, Fla., and was a graduate of Coral Gables High School in Miami, Fla.

Mr. Stephenson

He enjoyed a variety of activities including deep sea fishing, weightlifting and golf.

He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, son, brother and uncle.

He was born in Key West, Fla., on Jan. 20, 1958, to Jack and Bea Stephenson. His mother, Bea Stephenson, survives in Tavernier, Fla., and his father and stepmother, Jack and Linda Stephenson, survive in Jacksonville, Fla.

Also surviving are his wife, Jen Stephenson of Cincinnati; his stepchildren, Amber and Frankie of Cincinnati; a daughter, Siobhan Stephenson of Cincinnati and her mother, Katy Kilgore of Garrett; two sisters and a brother-in-law Michellle Stephenson-Bock of Naples, Fla., and Renee and Mike Gillespie of Auburn; and nieces and nephews, Shasta and Nick Kuhlhorst of Auburn, Mike Stephenson Clifton of Spencerville and Hailey and Justice Bock of Naples.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and two nephews, Chuck and Ben Clifton.

A memorial and celebration of life service will be held at a later date in the Florida Keys.

Condolences may be sent in care of his sister, Renee Gillespie.

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Local philanthropist, businessman Bernard Brennan of Garrett dies at 96

GARRETT — Bernard R. Brennan, 96, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, at 9 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Brennan was the owner of Insurance Trustees Inc. from 1951-2002. He began his insurance career in 1937 as an associate of L. Dale Green, then owner of Insurance Trustees. His career was interrupted by four years of service in the U.S. Army in from 1942-1946 during World War II.

He served with the 70th Infantry division and took part in two campaigns, spending two years in Germany and France. He achieved the rank of captain and was awarded the Combat Medal badge, the Bronze Star medal, the American Theater ribbon, the European Theater ribbon and the Victory ribbon.

He was a member of the Garrett posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, Elks, Eagles, Knights of Columbus, the Garrett Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club and was past president of the DeKalb County Welfare Board. He served on the Morrill Foundation board and was third regional district director of the Independent Insurance Agents of Indiana. He also served as the post commander for the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Brennan

Mr. Brennan was a philanthropist, having made major donations to the Garrett Community Center, St. Joseph Catholic Church and St. Joseph Catholic School. He was an avid bowler and enjoyed playing golf.

Born July 27, 1911, in Garrett, he was the son of Peter and Agnes (Lauby) Brennan of Garrett and lived in Garrett all of his life. He was a graduate of St. Joseph Catholic School and of Garrett High School with the class of 1929.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from DePauw University in Greencastle and was a Rector Honor Scholar and a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He received his Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter designation in 1958.

In April 1962 he married Lucy Wise Cozier. She survives.

Also surviving are a stepdaughter, Jean Cozier of Chicago; a sister, Jeanne Meier of Winona, Minn.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Margaret Luttman, Gertrude Dalton and Mary Higgins; and a brother, John Brennan.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery with military graveside services conducted by the Garrett American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-6 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with a rosary service at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett.

To sign an online guestbook or send a condolence, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Rachel Cutler

Mrs. Cutler

ALTONA — Rachel N. Cutler, 82, of Altona died Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mrs. Cutler was a playground monitor for 12 years at J.E. Ober Elementary School, where she loved interacting with the children.

She attended the Garrett United Methodist Church. She enjoyed making ceramics, growing her own flowers and bowling in the Tuesday Night Ladies League in Garrett, where she once was named "Bowler of the Year."

She graduated from Wolcottville High School.

She was born Oct. 28, 1924, in Bath, Mich., to Ronald and Lena (Domer) Sweet. They preceded her in death.

She married Kenny E. Cutler Sr. on Aug. 18, 1945, in Wolcottville, and he survives. The couple had lived in Altona for the past 54 years.

Also surviving are two sons, Kenny Cutler Jr. of Altona and Ronald Cutler of Louisville, Ky.; two daughters, Pamela Tackett and Norma Thomson, both of Garrett; 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; a brother, Larry Sweet of Wolcottville; and three sisters, Wilma Chiddister of PawPaw, Mich., Dorothy Walters of Rome City and Darlene McKown of Wolcottville.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lee Sweet, and a sister, Donna McKee.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Dr. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

To sign an online guestbook or send a condolence, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Roberta Whittig

ASHLEY — Roberta E. Whittig, 85, of Ashley died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007, at her home.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Dorothy Cleckner

FREMONT — Dorothy Cleckner, 92, of Fremont died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Cleckner worked at Weatherhead for 28 years, retiring in 1977.

She was a graduate of Metz High School. She enjoyed her family and grandchildren, playing cards, sewing and playing the piano at the nursing home.

She was born on Sept. 23, 1914, in York Township to Ernest and Maude (Willibey) Wisner. Both preceded her in death. She was married to Robert Cleckner. He preceded her in death on July 17, 1977.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, "Cy" Mahlon and Virginia Cleckner of Angola, and Larry Cleckner of Fremont; a daughter-in-law, Judith "Judy" Cleckner of Fremont; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Ilah Sturm; and a son, Gordon Cleckner.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Revs. Wayne Berkesch and Alvin Covell officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lakeland Nursing Home and Angola Christian Church.

Condolences may be made online are to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Elvira Habegger

DECATUR — Elvira M. Habegger, 86, of Decatur and formerly of Kendallville died at 5:25 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Habegger was a homemaker. She had also been employed at Anspaugh Studio for 13 years.

She was a member of Grace Point Church of the Nazarene in Fort Wayne and a charter member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Decatur.

She was born May 12, 1921, in Allen County to Harley and Amanda (Neuenschwander) Ward. She married Glenn Habegger Nov. 9, 1944, in Decatur. He died Nov. 5, 2001.

Surviving are three sons, Ronald Habegger of Crete, Ill., Leon Habegger of Newark, Ohio, and Farrel Habegger of Grabill; two brothers, the Rev. Roger Ward of Nashport, Ohio, and Norman Ward of Decatur; two sisters and a brother-in-law, June Diehl of Decatur and Joyce and Harry Moser of Wren, Ohio; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Grace Point Church of the Nazarene in Fort Wayne with the Rev. Chuck Sunberg officiating. Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery in Berne.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur.

Memorials are to Missionary Department of the Church of the Nazarene.

Condolences are to www.zwickjahn.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to change the location of the services.*

Vonda Collins

STROH — Vonda Collins, 61, of Stroh died Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, at her home near Stroh with her family by her side.

Mrs. Collins had lived in Indiana for 44 years.

Mrs. Collins

She loved her family and cherished her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved her Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church family and worshipping God.

Mrs. Collins enjoyed planting and tending to her flower gardens and sewing.

She was born in McKee, Ky., on Dec. 27, 1945, to Toney and Ethel Mae (Gibson) McKinney. She married her childhood sweetheart, Willie Collins, on June 1, 1963, at Rock Fork Creek, near Garrett, Ky.

Surviving are her husband, the Rev. Willie Collins of Stroh; seven daughters and five sons-in-law, Teresa Collins and her companion, Randy Sliger, and Bridget and Brent Sage, all of Kendallville, Ronda and Bill Adamo of Garrett, Sandra and Dominick Green, Brittney and Richard Smith and Brooke Collins, all of Stroh, and Deborah and Gary Green of Hudson; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Judy and James Collins and Janet Arnold, all of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Jimmy and Vickie Scott of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Willie Dewayne Halsey in 1988; and three infant brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Community Baptist Church, C.R. 700S, west of South Milford, with the Rev. John White, the Rev. Lee Combs, and the Rev. Bethel Bolen officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville. Pallbearers will be James Collins, Ted Slone, Earl Handshoe, Damon Handshoe, Jim Tuttle, Oberine Gibson and Oscar Handshoe. Honorary pallbearers will be Claude Manns, Mark Gayheart, Denzil Hyler, Bill Wicker and the Rev. Birtchell Mosley Jr.

Calling will be all day today at the church with a service at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the Collins family in care of Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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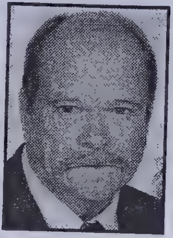
Nathan O'Dell

WOLCOTTVILLE — Nathan B. O'Dell, 62, of Wolcottville died at 11:35 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, at his home.



Mr. O'Dell

Mr. O'Dell had worked at Weyerhouser Box Manufacturer in Michigan as a machine operator and had also worked in the RV and mobile home industry at Coachmen and Skyline.

He enjoyed boating, restoring classic cars, attending classic car shows, music and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born Nov. 26, 1944, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Lloyd O'Dell and Marion I. Barr. He married Jeannie Brown in June 1989 in Bristol. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marlena O'Dell and Tabitha and David DePew, all of Kendallville; a sister, Gwendolyn O'Dell of California; a brother, Glen O'Dell of Michigan; 18 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Ransom, Winston, Preston and Melanathan O'Dell.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Steven McKee of the Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be in Keightley Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Memorials are to the family or the Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Betty Elliott

ANGOLA — Betty June Elliott, 81, of Angola died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, surrounded by her famliy.

Mrs. Elliott worked at Fashion Bug, Throop's Florist and Roger's Drug Store, all in Angola.

She was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Angola, and loved sewing, gardening and baking.

She was born May 10, 1926, in Kendallville to Alvin and Bessie (McCormick) Varner. Both preceded her in death. She married John Elliott on May 14, 1944. He died April 9, 1975.

She is survived by one son and daughter in law, John Jr. and Betty Elliott of New Albany, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Alvin Colby of Auburn; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Dick and Bill Varner; and a sister, Della Randol.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church, with the Rev. Bob Koenig officiating. A private family graveside service will be held at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be two hours before the service at the church.

Memorials are to Grace Baptist Church.

Arrangements are by the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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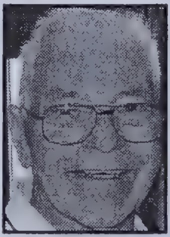
John Tuttle

AUBURN — John Freeman Tuttle, 80, of Auburn, died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007, at his home.


Mr. Tuttle

Mr. Tuttle retired from Auburn Foundry and, until last year, worked at the Auburn Water Pollution Control Plant.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, where he enjoyed ushering almost every Sunday. He enjoyed Indiana University basketball, Purdue University baseball and oil paintring. He was especially proud of his grandchildren, and his family and friends meant the world to him.

He enjoyed spending time with his canine companion of many years, Midge.

He graduated in 1945 from Metz High School, where he played basketball and baseball.

He was born July 13, 1927, to Freeman and Clara (Fry) Tuttle at the family home in Metz.

He married Ruby (Collins) Easterday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in 1976. She survivies.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Mike Klink of Auburn; four grandchildren, Kristen Klink of Waterloo, Kendra Klink of Auburn, Jessica Klink of Chicago and Simon Klink of Auburn; two stepsons and their spouses, Michael and Glenda Easterday of Delores, Colo., and Roger and Melissa Easterday of Pandora, Ohio; nine stepgrandchildren and their spouses, Chad and Sonna Easterday of Florida, Robin and Denise Easterday of Iraq, Calvin and Katie Easterday of Texas, Trent Easterday of Ohio, Brea and Tony Wilson of Fort Wayne, Jacob and Joshua Wauters of Ohio and Alexis and Ashley Easterday of Florida; eight stepgreat-grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Kenneth and Arlene Tuttle of Pleasant Lake and Willis and Cora Tuttle of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Floyd Stutzman of Ashley; and a sister-in-law, Geraldine (Mrs. Richard) Tuttle of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Zachary Klink; two brothers and one sister.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The Rev. Stephen Kummernuss, Paster Richard Kraus and Mike Zion will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from noon to 9 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn Presbyterian Church and DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Lee R. Shanabarger, 86

AUBURN - Lee R. Shanabarger, 86, of Auburn died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Shanabarger worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 38 1/2 years before retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and the Loyal Order of the Moose 97 in Auburn.

He was born Oct. 21, 1920, in Noble County to Ralph and Effie (Tarlton) Shanabarger.

He married Louise J. Muzzillo in Auburn on Jan. 5, 1946. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sister Joyce L. Shanabarger of Buffalo Grove, IL, and Rita A. and John Lumm of Lexington, Ohio; two grandchildren, Ryan Lumm of Columbus, Ohio, and Abby Lumm of Cincinnati, Ohio; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Norma Waters and Riley Waters Jr. of Muldrow, OK, and Grace and Lester "Pete" Keister of Albion; one brother, Morris "Bill" Shanabarger of Churubusco; one sister-in-law, Joan Shanabarger-Keller of Churubusco; members of the Louis and Angeline Muzzillo family; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Glenn Shanabarger and Robert "Bob" Shanabarger.

Services were at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with Father Michael Zuelke officiating. Burial was in Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home or DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

William Erdly, 68

HIGH LAKE — William E. Erdly, 68, of High Lake was found dead in his home Monday, Sept. 10, 2007.

Mr. Erdly had worked at Maumee Valley Corp. from 1965 to 1985. He owned and operated Erdly's Bait Store at Wolf Lake from 1990 to 1998 and then became a truck driver.

He had lived at High Lake since 2002.

Mr. Erdly was a 1957 graduate of Wolf Lake High School and a graduate of International Business College.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Erdly was a member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4717 in Wolf Lake.

He was born June 27, 1939, in Wolf Lake to Evart F. and Pauline J. (Bair) Erdly.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Timothy and Carol Erdly and Todd and Laurie Erdly, all of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Charles Erdly of Linton, Jimmy Erdly of Kimmell and David Erdly of Wolf Lake; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Kayanne Colen.

There were no services.

A celebration of life took place at the Wolf Lake Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, 1278 S. U.S. 33, Wolf Lake.

Memorials are to the Shriners Hospital for Children.

Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Gloria Springer, 80

AVILLA — Gloria P. Springer, 80, of Avilla died at 5:50 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Springer had lived in Noble County the past 20 years.

She had been employed in the food service industry.

She was born Sept. 19, 1926, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Reynold and Gladys (Mozena) Petrie.

Surviving are two daughters, Deborah Mann of Largo, Fla., and Kathy Jo Baker of Tucson, Ariz.; two sons, Johnny Miller of Michigan City and Richard Ryf of Hoagland; seven sisters, Vivian Henry of Fort Wayne, Maxine Sefly of Brandon, Fla., Helen Sweeting of Franklin, Elaine Kutzel of Coldwater, Mich., Rita Murphy of Albion and Sue, last name and address unknown; five brothers, John Petrie and Reynold Petrie, both of Albion, Charles Petrie of White Cloud, Mich., and Robert Petrie of Old Town, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Services will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Anna Lee Fulk, 78

ALBION - Anna Lee Fulk, 78, formerly of Albion and widow of Harold R. Fulk, died at 7:20 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007, at Avalon Village in Ligonier. She had been a resident there for the past three years, but her death was unexpected.

Born in Fort Wayne on Oct. 16, 1928, a daughter of Maurice and Blanche (Remaly) Adams, she moved to Eel River Township from Fort Wayne in 1945 and graduated from Huntertown High School in 1946.

On April 25, 1948, she was married to Harold R. Fulk. The couple spent the early years of their marriage in Churubusco before moving to Albion in 1963. Mr. Fulk preceded her in death on May 1, 1985.

She had been employed at Wolf Lake Products for 23 years, retiring in 1993.

Survivors include a daughter, Vickie Lynn (Gary) Smith of Albion; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and spouse, she was preceded in death by three sons, Rickie Dean Fulk, David Allen Fulk and Nickie Allen Fulk; and by three brothers, Eugene Robert Adams, Dale E. Adams and D. Lyle Adams.

The funeral service was at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Interment was at Eel River Cemetey, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

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Kathryn R. Ball, 51

LIGONIER– Katrhyn R. Ball, 51 of Ligonier died September 16 at her residence.

She was born March 12, 1956 in Berwind, West Virginia to George A. and Alice M. (Webb) Baker.

On June 5, 1971 she married Archie A. Ball. He survives.

Although being born in West Virginia she had lived in Ligonier for the past 41 years.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed spending time with her family whom she loved dearly, gardening and caring for her pets Jake and Lulu.

Survivors include: her husband Archie A. Ball, two daughters: Jammie (Efrain) E. Salas of Ligonier and Teresa D. (Cristobal) Campos of Ligonier. 10 grandchildren: Alex Flores, Amy Campos, Bianca Campos, Chava Campos, Matthew Campos, Kiara Campos, Alia Sarris, Frankie Salas, Vanessa Salas and Jesenia Salas; three brothers: Bradley A. Baker of Norwalk, Ohio, George A (Betty) Baker of Fort Wayne and Gregory A. (Kristina) Baker of Ligonier. Three sisters: Mindy (Bill) Lang of Cromwell, Frances Baker of Ligonier and Alice (Richard) Welch of Jessup, MD.

She was preceded in death by one son Christopher A. Ball and her parents George A. and Alice M. Baker.

Calling is at the Apostolic Faith Church of God in Our Lord Jesus Christ, 317 Pigeon Street, Ligonier, IN from 2-4 and 6-8 pm on Wednesday, September 19 and one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Services will take place at the church, September 20, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. with the Pastor Joseph Brickey officiating.

Burial will take place at the Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier, IN.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishler-funeralhomes.com

Arrangements are being made by Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Homes of Syracuse.

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Jeffrey Plumer

SYRACUSE — Jeffrey L. Plumer, 52, of Cedar Key, Fla., and formerly of Syracuse died at 1:35 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, at Haven Hospice in Chiefland, Fla.

Mr. Plumer had retired as president of Keidaish Vending Co. of Ligonier.

He had also worked for McCarthy Brothers of St. Louis, Mo., and had taught at Purdue University for two years.

Mr. Plumer was a 1972 graduate of Wawasee High School. He was also a graduate of Purdue University and the University of Florida.

He was born Oct. 20, 1954, in Grove City, Pa., to Charles and Eleanor (Himrod) Plumer. His mother survives and his father is deceased.

Services will be at noon Saturday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, 7458 E. C.R. 1000N, Syracuse, with the Rev. Jim Goldsmith officiating. Burial will be in Syracuse Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Graydon Fox

WATERLOO — Graydon Y. Fox, 100, of Waterloo and formerly of Auburn, died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, where he had lived for the past six years.

Mr. Fox worked at Warner Gear in Auburn for 27 years, retiring Jan. 1, 1966. He was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite.

He was born Feb. 18, 1907, in Branch County, Mich., to J.P. and Hattie Estel (Lyons) Fox.

He married Velma A. Likens in Hillsdale, Mich., on Aug. 2, 1925. She died July 12, 1987.

Surviving are by a daughter and son-in-law, Marsha and Jack Cook of Waterloo; 13 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sons, Elmer J. Fox, Graydon Fox Jr. and Steven Fox; a daughter, Barbara Groscop; and a sister, Dawn Wendling.

There will be no services or calling. Private family burial will be in Michigan.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Linda Woodward

GARRETT — Linda I. Woodward, 71, of Garrett died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Woodward was a housekeeper at Miller's Merry Manor for three years, retiring in 1993. She was a member of the Garrett Nazarene Church. She was born in Syracuse.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert Woodward of Garrett, John Woodward of Garrett, Joe and Ann Woodward of Garrett and Michael and Valerie Woodward of Ashley; and three daughters and two sons-in-law, Eva Martin of Garrett, Joyce Ann and Robert Bishop and Nila and Tom Talbot of Garrett.

Her husband, Robert Woodward Sr., died March 8, 2005. She also was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Woodward, in 1954; a sister and six brothers.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev. Jeff Slater will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Nazarene Church.

James Clemans

KENDALLVILLE — James "Jimmy" Clemans, 68, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Joyce Suffel

BRYAN, Ohio — Joyce Elaine Suffel, 79, of Bryan, Ohio, and formerly a longtime resident of Ney, Ohio, died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007, at The Inn and Villas of Fountain Park, Bryan.

Mrs. Suffel

Mrs. Suffel was a 1946 graduate of Bryan High School and a 1947 graduate of Fort Wayne Business College.

A devoted wife and mother, she was a cook for Head Start after raising her family. She was a member of the Ney Church of God in Ney, Ohio, the Bryan VFW Post 2489 Ladies Auxiliary, The Fountain City Squares square-dancing club and the Bryan YMCA, where she learned to swim while in her 60s.

She was born on April 6, 1928, in Detroit, the daughter of Roy Robert and Jennie Irene (Monks) Brenner.

She married Rex E. Suffel on June 15, 1947, in Bryan. He died Dec. 26, 2003.

Surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Gloria J. and Douglas Hohenberger of Sherwood, Ohio, Mary C. Lang of Bryan, Diana L. and Tom Keefer of Sylvan Lake, Sharon A. and Rollie Gray of Bryan and Carolyn and Dennis Haller of Ney, Ohio; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert and Cindy Suffel of Ney, Richard Suffel of Pettisville, Ohio, and Rex A. and Lynnette Suffel of Anderson, S.C.; 20 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Cindy Brenner of Stryker; one sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Kenneth Osmun of Bryan; and a sister-in-law, Jennie Brenner of Bryan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Kenneth; two grandchildren, Steven Boland and Andrea Case;, one brother, Thomas Brenner; and one sister, Helen Kuszmaul.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Ney Church of God, 03413 S.R. 15, Ney, Ohio, with Pastor Doug Nolt officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Montpelier, Ohio.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the Burr Funeral Home and Crematory, Bryan, and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers-Hospice Care or the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent and an online guest book may be signed at www.burrfh.com.

Roberta Whittig

ASHLEY — Roberta E. Whittig, 85, of Ashley died Sept. 18, 2007, at her home.

She had retired from Creek Chub Bait Store in Ashley, and also worked at The Bottle Shop in Ashley.

She was a member of the Ashley Church of God.

She was born in Hamilton on Aug. 5, 1922, to Russell and Kathryn (Bartles) Wiler, who both preceded her in death. She married Robert Whittig on Oct. 25, 1949. He died in 1985.

She is survived by a daughter, Cindy Roach of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two granddaughters, Shelley Stiles of Bremerton, Wash.; and Lindsay Roach of Lewisburg, W.Va.; a great-grandson, Adam Hunter Stiles; and two sisters, Marcia Forbes of Pleasant Lake and Brenda Norris of Auburn.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Circle Cemetery in Hudson, with the Rev. Robert Neace officiating.

Memorials are to the Ashley Church of God or the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to include calling hours inadvertently omitted by this newspaper.*

Nathan O'Dell

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Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marlena O'Dell and Tabitha and David DePew, all of Kendallville; a sister, Gwendolyn O'Dell of California; a brother, Glen O'Dell of Michigan; 18 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Ransom, Winston, Preston and Melanathan O'Dell.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Steven McKee of the Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be in Keightley Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family or the Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Brent Fox III

ROME CITY — Interment services with full military honors will be held Thursday, Oct. 4, at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., for Brent Leonal Fox III, 59, of Flower Mound, Texas, and formerly of Rome City.

Mr. Fox

Mr. Fox died Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Indianapolis while traveling home for a visit to Indiana.

He had served as a corporal in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Michael McKinney officiating.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Disabled American Veterans, Rome City American Legion or the Denton, Texas VFW Post.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 20, 2007, Thursday

Maurice Howe

NORTH WEBSTER — Maurice J. "Maurie" Howe, 86, of North Webster died at 5:20 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Mr. Howe attended Meyler Grade School and Darlington High School in Darlington, Wis. He was a World War II Army veteran. He was wounded in combat and received the Purple Heart.

He moved to North Webster in 1955 from Rockford, Ill. He was the owner-operator of Mid Lakes Army Surplus in North Webster, H&H Manufacturing in North Webster and Yellow Banks Hotel in North Webster. He also was an insurance agent for Western Southern Life and United Home Life and was also employed at North American Boat Co. in Rockford, Ill., and Warsaw.

He was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish in Pierceton, a life member of American Legion Post 253 in North Webster, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1382 in Syracuse, Disabled American Veterans in Goshen, and Knights of Columbus 4511 in Warsaw.

He was born Feb. 28, 1921, in Darlington, Wis., to James M. and Isabelle (Boyle) Howe.

He married Madge E. Power on April 19, 1941. She preceded him in death on Nov. 3, 1997.

He married Betty L. (Barker) Kruger on July 14, 2007 in Pierceton. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Paul Kennedy of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Peggy Howe of Greenback, Tenn.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Kay and Yut Promkhieo of North Webster; a stepson, Kurt Kruger of North Webster; four grandchildren; eight greatgrandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; 16 stepgreat-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-greatgranchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Leo and Paul Howe.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish, 408 W. Catholic St., Pierceton, with Father Bruce J. Piechocki of the parish officiating. Burial will follow at the North Webster Cemetery (Mock Addition) with full military graveside rites by the North Webster American Legion Post 253.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Miller's Merry Manor, 1630 S. County Farm Road, Warsaw, or to the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish, 408 W. Catholic St., Pierceton. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
September 20, 2007, Thursday

Kathryn Ball

LIGONIER — Kathryn R. Ball, 51, of Ligonier died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Ball was a homemaker and had lived in Ligonier the past 41 years.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, gardening and caring for her pets.

She was born March 12, 1956, in Berwind, W.Va., to George and Alice (Webb) Baker. She married Archie Ball on June 5, 1971. He survives.

Mrs. Ball

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jammie and Efrain Salas and Teresa and Cristobal Campos, all of Ligonier; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Bradley Baker of Norwalk, Ohio, George and Betty Baker of Fort Wayne and Gregory and Kristina Baker of Ligonier; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mindy and Bill Lang of Cromwell, Frances Baker of Ligonier and Alice and Richard Welch of Jessup, Md.; and 10 grandchildren, Alex Flores, Amy Campos, Bianca Campos, Chava Campos, Matthew Campos, Kiara Campos, Alia Sarris, Frankie Salas, Vanessa Salas and Jesenia Salas.

She was preceded in death by a son, Christopher Ball, and her parents.

Services were at 11 a.m. today, Thursday at Apostolic Faith Church of God in Our Lord Jesus Christ, Ligonier, with Pastor Joseph Brickey officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling was Wednesday at the church and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to the family

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

Jeffrey Plumer

SYRACUSE — Jeffrey L. Plumer, 52, of Cedar Key, Fla., and formerly of Syracuse died at 1:35 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, at Haven Hospice in Chiefland, Fla.

Mr. Plumer had retired as president of Keidaish Vending Co. of Ligonier.

He had also worked for McCarthy Brothers of St. Louis, Mo., and had taught at Purdue University for two years.

Mr. Plumer was a 1972 graduate of Wawasee High School. He was also a graduate of Purdue University and the University of Florida.

He was born Oct. 20, 1954, in Grove City, Pa., to Charles and Eleanor (Himrod) Plumer. His mother survives and his father is deceased.

Services will be at noon Saturday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, 7458 E. C.R. 1000N, Syracuse, with the Rev. Jim Goldsmith officiating. Burial will be in Syracuse Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Nathan O'Dell

WOLCOTTVILLE — Nathan B. O'Dell, 62, of Wolcottville died at 11:35 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, at his home.

Mr. O'Dell had worked at Weyerhouser Box Manufacturer in Michigan as a machine operator and had also worked in the RV and mobile home industry at Coachmen and Skyline.

He enjoyed boating, restoring classic cars, attending classic car shows, music and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born Nov. 26, 1944, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Lloyd O'Dell and Marion I. Barr. He married Jeannie Brown in June 1989 in Bristol. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marlena O'Dell and Tabitha and David DePew, all of Kendallville; a sister, Gwendolyn O'Dell of California; a brother, Glen O'Dell of Michigan; 18 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. O'Dell

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Ransom, Winston, Preston and Melanathan O'Dell.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Steven McKee of the Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be in Keightley Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Memorials are to the family or the Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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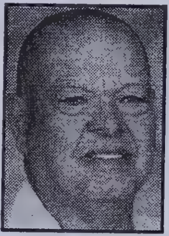
September 21, 2007, Friday

James Clemans

KENDALLVILLE — James "J.J." Clemans, 68, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Clemans

Mr. Clemans was a retired farmer.

He was a member of Wayne Center United Methodist Church in Kendallville and the Draft Horse Association.

Mr. Clemans was born in Kendallville on Sept. 16, 1939, to James W. and Dorothy J. (Muesing) Clemans. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and David Swogger of Corunna; a nephew and his wife, Dan and Sharmin Swogger of Wolcottville; a niece and her husband, Denise and Larry "Chip" Hooks of Corunna; and many cousins including Blake Swogger, Landon Swogger and Christopher Boles, all of Wolcottville, and Alexis Hooks and Grace Hooks, both of Corunna.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor John S. Maxson officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be David Swogger, Dan Swogger, Larry Hooks, Christopher Boles, Blake Swogger and John Clifton.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Draft Horse Association or to Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online www.hitefuneralhome.com

William Bottomley

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. — William C. Bottomley, 59, of Middletown died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, in Middletown.

Mr. Bottomley had been the head mechanic at Hammonasset Ford in Madison, Conn., for the past 25 years.

He was born Dec. 24, 1948, in Providence, R.I., to Russell and Lucy Copeland Bottomley. They are deceased.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Joshua and Alison Bottomley of Worcester, Mass., Scott Bottomley of Branford, Conn., and Michael Hunt of Northford, Conn.; two sisters, Sarah Brooks of Newtown, Conn., and Linda Parsons of North Kinston, R.I.; a brother, Peter Bottomley of Kendallville, Ind.; and four grandchildren, Colby, Alissia and Kayla Hunt.

A memorial service will be today in the Trinity Episcopal Church at Branford, Conn. Burial will be private.

W. S. Clancy Memorial Funeral Home in Branford is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences maybe sent online to www.wsclancy.com.

Ruby Trowbridge

KENDALLVILLE — Ruby M. Trowbridge, 91, of Kendallville died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

James Siver

TOPEKA — James W. Siver, 53, of Topeka died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Siver

Mr. Siver had lived in Topeka for the past 21 years and had been employed at Redman Homes for the past 23 years.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War.

Mr. Siver was an avid motorcyclist and a member of Bikers at the Crossing of Goshen.

Mr. Siver was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on Sept. 17, 1954, to Benjamin and Delores (Brown) Siver. He married Beverly J. Shirey in Hebron, Ind., on May 27, 1989. She survives in Topeka.

Also surviving are a daughter, Tammy Badanish of Topeka; a grandson, Adam Fodge, of Topeka; and three sisters, Diane Siver of Aurora, Ill., Cheryl Henderson of Wheaton, Ill., and Kelly Jones of Goshen.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Robin Siver.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the New Eden Worship Center in Honeyville with Greg Wittrig and the Rev. Harold Gingerich officiating.

Memorials may be made to Bikers at the Crossing.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences sent online to www.fruipmayfuneralhome.com.

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September 21, 2007, Friday

Steven Stickan

BRYAN, Ohio — Steven L. Stickan, 58, of Bryan, Ohio, died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, at 8:35 p.m. at the VA Medical Center in Fort Wayne, after an extended illness.

Mr. Stickan was a 1967 graduate of Edgerton High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1967-1970, which included a tour in Vietnam.

He was a financial services specialist with Bonifas and Associates, Franklin Life and Sky bank. He was a member of the Zion United Methodist Church, Paralyzed Veterans of America and Am-Vets of Bryan Ohio, of which he was a life member.

He was born May 23, 1949, in Coldwater, Mich., the son of Christian A. "C.A." and Mary L. (Calhoon) Stickan.

He married Sandra K. Bitler on June 1, 2004. She died Aug. 15, 2006.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Eric C. and Aliza M. Stickan of Angola; one daughter, Stacy L. Stickan of Napoleon, Ohio; three grandchildren, Emily N. Stickan and Chance and Dylan Walker, and two stepgrandchildren, Alex and Elizabeth Hill; his mother, Mary L. Stickan of Butler; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, David E. and Beverly Stickan and Keith and Linda Stickan, all of Butler.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1998 and a brother, Kenneth, in 1971.

Services will be Monday at 1:30 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edgerton, Ohio. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton, with graveside military rites conducted by Am-Vets of Bryan, Ohio.

Calling will be Monday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Gerald Spillner

ROYER LAKE — Gerald F. "Jerry" Spillner, 84, of Royer Lake in LaGrange County died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007, at his home.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

This obituary is being reprinted to correct an error.

Roberta Whittig

ASHLEY — Roberta E. Whittig, 85, of Ashley, died Sept. 18, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Whittig had retired from Creek Chub Bait Store in Ashley, and also worked at The Bottle Shop in Ashley.

She was a member of the Ashley Church of God.

She was born in Hamilton on Aug. 5, 1922, to Russell and Kathryn (Bartles) Wiler, who both preceded her in death. She married Robert Whittig on Oct. 25, 1949. He died in 1985.

She is survived by a daughter, Cindy Roach of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two granddaughters, Shelley Stiles of Bremerton, Wash., and Lindsay Roach of Lewisburg, W. Va.; a great-grandson, Adam Hunter Stiles; and two sisters, Marcia Forbes of Pleasant Lake and Berdena Norris of Auburn.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Circle Cemetery in Hudson, with the Rev. Robert Neace officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Ashley Church of God or the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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September 21, 2007, Friday

Floyd Johns

ANGOLA — Floyd Lee Johns, 65, Angola, died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Johns had retired from Moore Business Forms in Angola in 2003 after 30 years of service. He was a U.S. Army Vietnam War veteran.

Mr. Johns

He was a 1960 graduate of Bronson (Mich.) High School. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, the outdoors and working on cars.

He was born Dec. 9, 1941, in Adrian Mich., to Floyd and Wanda (Ferguson) Johns. Both preceded him in death. He married Sandra Green on June 1, 1964. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter-in-law, Angela Johns of Angola; two sisters-in-law and their spouses, Georgia and Rob Sherman of Kendallville and Kathy and Bob Brown of Dowagiac, Mich.; a brother-in-law and his spouse, Michael and Billie Green of Montgomery, Mich.; a brother, Fred Johns of New Jersey; two nephews, Joe Prine and Gary and Laura Prine; and numerous other nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Jeanette Johns; a son, Brett Johns; and a stepfather, Walter Hinkley.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Stephen B. Altman officiating. Burial will be in East Gilead Cemetery in Bronson, Mich.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lake Gage Congregational Church or the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamfuneralhome.com.

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We would like to take this opportunity to express out sincere appreciation and gratitude to the community for the outpouring of love and support following the loss of our loved one, Gene Rhodes.

The Guidance, thoughtfulness and sympathy of family and friends, including clergy, funeral home and newspaper personnel have eased our passage through this most difficult period of time. Your cards and calls have touched us deeply. These memories will last forever. Thank you and bless you for your kindness.

The Rhodes Family
Ginny, Lori and Lynda

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 22, 2007, Saturday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information about family members.*

Linda Woodward

GARRETT — Linda I. Woodward, 71, of Garrett died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Woodward was a housekeeper at Miller's Merry Manor for three years, retiring in 1993. She was a member of the Garrett Nazarene Church. She was born in Syracuse.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, John Woodward of Garrett, Joe and Ann Woodward of Garrett and David Wolfinger of Indiana; two stepsons, Robert Woodward of Garrett and Michael Woodward and his wife, Valerie, of Ashley; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Eva Martin of Garrett, Joyce Ann and Robert Bishop of Auburn and Nila and Tom Talbot of Garrett; three sisters, Ruth of Elkhart, Mary of Middlebury and Carol of Syracuse; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Robert Woodward Sr., died March 8, 2005. She also was preceded in death by two sisters and six brothers.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev. Patrick Hess will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be today from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Nazarene Church.

Florence Husted

ANGOLA — Florence R. Husted, 96, of Angola died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007.

Mrs. Husted taught home economics for 30 years in Stryker and Fairview school districts in Ohio.

A graduate of Purdue University, she was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Purdue Alumni Association.

She was born March 18, 1911, in Waterloo to Henry and Addie (Jackman) Renner. She married Claude Husted on Sept. 5, 1933. He died April 17, 2005.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Walter Wesley and JoAnn Husted of Mount Vernon, Ohio; one daughter and son-in-law, Claudette and Frank Herbert of Houston, Texas; one sister, Sarah Renner Hughes of Dallas, Texas; three grandchildren, Robert, John and Vincent; three stepgrandaughters, Lori, Jennifer and Pam; seven great-grandchildren, Joseph, Jaren, Vincent, Trenton, Daniel, Katie and Catherine; and two step-grandchildren, Kayla and Kyle.

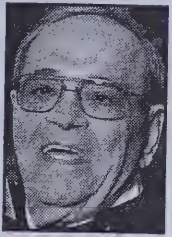
She was also preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Gertrude Renner Shearer, Alice Latier and Helen Renner Hughes; and two brothers, Howard Renner and Walter Renner.

Services will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Gerald Spillner


Mr. Spillner

LAGRANGE — Gerald F. "Jerry" Spillner, 84, of LaGrange died at 6:53 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007, at his residence after an illness of five years.

A Royer Lake resident since 1964, Mr. Spillner had retired from Conrail in 1978 after 35 years.

He was born June 23, 1923, in Fort Wayne to Frank William and Ora (Snyder) Spillner. He married Dorothy Cornett. She died in 1991.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Sherril and Greg Garlat of Union, Mich.; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Brenda and Jim Perry of LaGrange, and Patricia Parker of Hudson; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dan and Judy Spillner of Eagan, Minn., and Jack Spillner of South Bend; two sisters and a brother-in-law, June and Jerry Funk of Fort Wayne, and Betty Wolfe of LaGrange; one brother sister-in-law, Don and Terri Spillner of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; and a special friend/caretaker, Sarah Weaver of LaGrange.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, and a son, Johnny Spillner Keller.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Young Family Funeral Home in Wolcottville with Chaplin Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to the family for the group home where his son Jack Spillner lives.

Condolences are to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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September 22, 2007, Saturday

James Clouse

ANGOLA — James "Jim" Lee Clouse, 59, of Angola died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Clouse

Mr. Clouse enjoyed fishing, NASCAR, Indiana University basketball, and spending time with his family. He also enjoyed volunteer work for St. Jude's Hospital and React, an emergency radio club, as well as buying and selling flea market items.

He was born Aug. 20, 1948, in Fort Wayne to William O. and Frances E. (McKale) Clouse. His mother survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Roxanne Clouse of Angola, Chris and Dana Clouse of Fort Smith, Ark., Chad and Melissa Clouse of Fremont, and David and Jennifer Baker of Waterloo; two sisters and their spouses, Sue Jane and Doug Runion of Summerville, S.C., and Sally and Al Lashley of Florida; two brothers and their spouses, Ed and Donna Clouse of Angola, Ron Clouse of Corbin, Ky.; seven grandchildren, Crystal, Mercedes, Gavin and Sabrina Clouse, Jamica Baker-Kennedy, and Anthony and Ethan Baker.

He was preceded in death by his father, and one brother, Ray Clouse.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Sunday at his residence at 4310 W. Orland Road in Angola with the Rev. Lynn Eicher officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. at the residence.

Memorials are to the family in care of Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Condolences are to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Ruby Trowbridge

KENDALLVILLE — Ruby M. Trowbridge, 91, of Kendallville died at 1:10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill.

Mrs. Trowbridge

Mrs. Trowbridge was a housewife.

She was born May 29, 1916, in Noble County to William and Hazel (Gillespie) Strouse. She married Victor W. Trowbridge on June 22, 1939. He died in 1968.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Brenda Trowbridge of Westfield, Victor and Linda Trowbridge of Columbia City and Thomas and Cindy Trowbridge of Kendallville; two sisters, Delores Young of Avilla and Betty Jane Shanton of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, David, Todd, Kevin, Kari, Karla, Kim, Vicki and Hazel; and eight stepgrandchidren.

She was also preceded in death by one brother, Russell Strouse, and one grandson, Michael Trowbridge.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at Young Family Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Chris Mosley officiating. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill Alzheimer's Unit or Grace Christian Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Lorraine Peninger

EVANSVILLE — Lorraine (Lakey) Peninger, 80, formerly of Albion, died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007, at VNA Charlier Hospice Center, Evansville.

Mrs. Peninger had retired from Dana Corp. after 15 years as a payroll clerk.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Prentice Chapter in Albion, a 16-year member of First Baptist Church in Evansville, and a 25-year member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

She was born May 31, 1927, in Cortland, Ohio, to John E. and Bessie M. (Buckeloo) Lakey. She married John C. Peninger Jr. He died in 1988.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Gail Elane and Kerry Scheurich of Avilla; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Karen Sue Peninger of Newburgh; a sister, Delores Steinbacher of Garrett; six grandchildren and their spouses, Jason Scheurich, John Scheurich, Leslie and Jeremy Neely, Kim Miller, Mathew and Katie Peninger, and Megan Peninger; and three great-grandchildren, Marisa, Kayla and Olivia Neely.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and a sister.

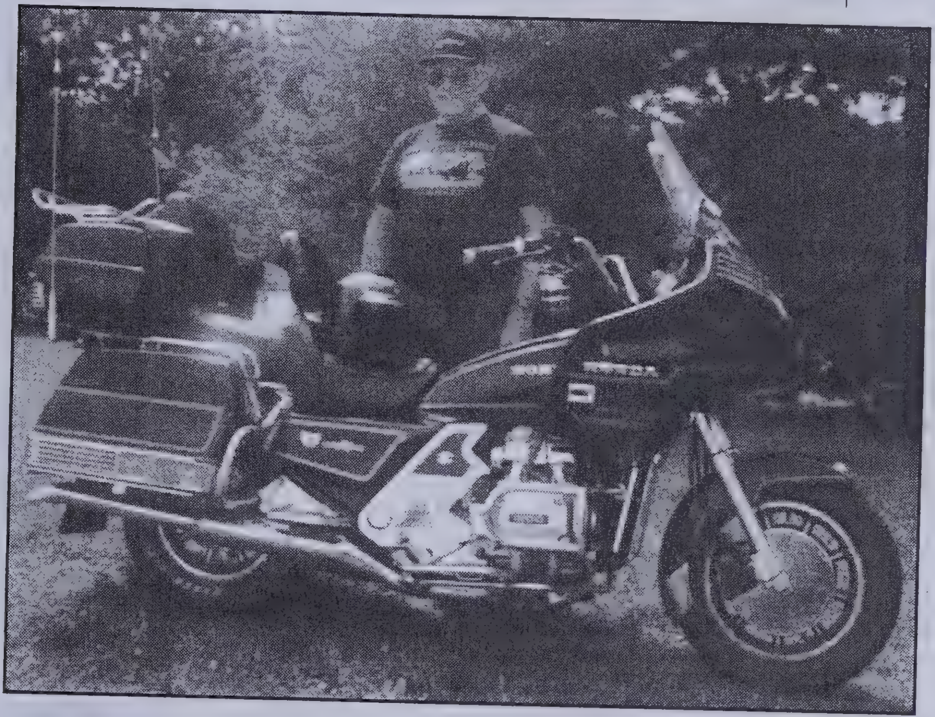
Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church, 320 Cherry St., Evansville, IN 47713.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 23, 2007, Sunday

Ed Clifton was known for humor



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Floyd "Ed" Clifton of Pleasant Lake stands beside his Goldwing before taking off on one of his adventures.

BY AMY OBERLIN
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PLEASANT LAKE — Ed Clifton knew how to have fun.

Born Floyd Edward Clifton to Harry and Jennie Culbertson Clifton on May 16, 1929, he and his six brothers grew up on a farm near Wren, Ohio. They walked to school every day while his father worked in a coal, hay, straw and fertilizer business and farmed his 500 acres. They lived in a home built by the family in 1913, and all the boys graduated from Wren High School — Ed in 1948.

He eventually moved to Fort Wayne, and then to Pleasant Lake where he started a construction company, but always kept in contact with his brothers. He went on a train trip in 2000 to California and back with them, and had a wonderful time, said his brother, Duane Clifton of Wren.

"Get those four together and they were worse than kids," said Ed's son, Herbert, of Angola, during a memorial dinner Friday at the Steuben Township Volunteer Fire Department building.

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September 23, 2007, Sunday

"We had a lot of fun," said Duane.

Ed was known for his humor and antics. Even in his later years, he would stand on his head for his grandchildren, just to prove that he could. Then, he'd try to get them to do tricks, too, said his daughter, Michelle Clifton of Fort Wayne.

"He loved having his grandchildren around," said his daughter-in-law Bonnie. He also loved his cats, added Herb.

His children remember fun times with a father who cooked up adventures on the spur of the moment, taking off to Houghton Lake to snowmobile in the winter or to Crooked Lake for water skiing in the summer.

"We had a blast," said his stepdaughter, Karen Sue Westrick of Cromwell. "He was always a comedian."

Michelle said she learned to ski at the age of 4. She has many early childhood memories of days at the lake with her family and her uncle Roy's family.

Stepdaughter Cindy Bryan of Grand Rapids, Mich., said all Ed's children were included in his various sporting pursuits, and all children were treated equally.

"We used to take a lot of canoe trips," said Ed's son, Gregg Clifton — who came to graveside services Friday in Pleasant Lake from his home in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Ed was the one who would tip a canoe on purpose, Gregg said, or at least "make sure everybody gets wet with the paddle."

Ed's children all remember going out on snowmobile trails to "get lost," and it was a good time finding their way back again.

A member of the Gold Wing Riders Association, Chapter U, of Angola, and ABATE, Ed enjoyed taking motorcycle trips. As was his way, sometimes he would just take off on a whirlwind trip. Michelle guessed he'd probably seen all of the United States, and particularly liked the southwestern states.

"He had friends, family all along the way, he liked to stop and see," said Michelle.

Gregg remembers his dad "popping up" from time to time when he lived in New Orleans.

"That was always a good surprise," Gregg said.

Ed ran Clifton Construction from 1958 to 2000.

"He taught himself to be a carpenter," said Duane. He said his brother was excellent at carpentry and was also very intelligent.

"He was an avid football fan," Duane remembered, adding that baseball also was a love of Ed's.

He was a member of Angola's Moose Lodge, Angola Odd Fellows Lodge and the Pleasant Lake Lions Club. He was involved in the minstrel show the Lions Club put on every year, where club members would dress in outlandish costumes to put on a show for the community.

"We'd go watch the show," said Michelle.

Ed was the funny man, the ring leader for many amusing adventures.

"We're all going to miss him, but we'll all remember him, remember the good times," said Gregg, smiling.

Ed is survived by his sons, Gregg, Herb and John Clifton, also of Angola; a stepson, Ralph Johnson of Bryan, Ohio; Michelle; four stepdaughters, including Cindy, Sue, Diane Johnson of Flamingo, Fla. and Julie Morr of Pioneer, Ohio; his brother, Duane; 10 grandchildren; 13 stepgrandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

One of those grandchildren, Daniel McGuigan, took a leave from his duty in the war in Iraq to attend his grandfather's funeral service Friday.

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Mildred Hughes

AUBURN — Mildred M. Hughes, 79, of Three Rivers, Mich., and formerly of Auburn, died Friday, Sept. 21, 2007, at Sturgis Hospital in Sturgis, Mich.

Mrs. Hughes was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 24, 1928, in Paulding, Ohio, to Chas and Grace Jones.

Her husband, Thomas Hughes, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Thomas Hughes of California; a daughter, Andrea Voorde of Three Rivers, Mich.; a brother, Paul Jones of Hicksville, Ohio; two grandchildren, Katherine Mathis of Three Rivers, Mich., and Jason Hankins of Seymour; and four great-grandchildren, Jasmine Mathis, Ricky Mathis, Caleb Hankins and Mia Hankins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Joyce Westenhaver

GARRETT — Joyce M. Westenhaver, 84, of Garrett and formerly of Crooked Lake, Angola, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Westenhaver was a homemaker. She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and a graduate of Garrett High School, class of 1942.

She was born Jan. 16, 1923, in Garrett to William R. and Hazel M. (Dingman) Clady.

She married Matthew E. Westenhaver on Aug. 24, 1946, in Garrett. He died Sept. 15, 1989.

Surviving are a son, William E. Westenhaver of Montreal, Quebec, Canada; nieces and nephews, Sandy and Tom Griffin, Carol and Bud Hathaway, Judy and Don Francis, and Jack Clady, all of Garrett; and several great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents; a sister, Audrey Gaff; and her half-brothers, Harold and William Clady.

Graveside services will be Monday at 3 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ, Garrett.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is handling arrangements.

To sign an online register or send condolences, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Audra Luke

KENDALLVILLE — Audra M. Luke, 98, of Kendallville died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mrs. Luke loved to play bingo, square dance, work puzzles and play cards. She was a charter member of the Eagles Lodge in Kendallville and the Wayne Township Homemakers Club.

She was born Oct. 18, 1908, in Franklin Township of DeKalb County to Arthur Adelbert and Maude M. (Foutz) Gurtner.

She married Harold L. Luke on Feb. 4, 1925, in Hamilton. He died Feb. 9, 1985.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Catherine Luke of Fort Wayne, and George and Barbara Luke of Albuquerque, N.M.; a daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Martin Buckley of Quincy, Mich.; 16 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Martin and H. Dean Luke, two brothers and three sisters.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with Pastor Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Manor Activity Fund, American Heart Association or Parkview Noble Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

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Nancy Stuller

AUBURN — Nancy M. Stuller, 94, of Auburn died Friday, Sept. 21, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Stuller was a homemaker. She worked at DeKalb Memorial Hospital and also for Charleston Metal in Waterloo before retiring in 1975.

She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and also attended the Freewill Baptist Church of Waterloo. She was a member of the Pythian Sisters and the Progressive Literary Club.

She was born June 20, 1913, in Lima, Ohio, to Vinton O. and Blanche F. (Stultz) Drew.

She married Bernard Dale Stuller on Feb. 21, 1931, in Steuben County. He died April 19, 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, B. Steven and Teresa Stuller of Bluffton; two daughters and three sons-in-law, Rebecca and Virgil Lanning of White City, Ore., Rosemary and David Briggs of Butler and Harlen Bolen of Waterloo; two sisters, Mavis Ritchie of Auburn and Katherine Cunningham of Butler; 33 grandchildren, 47 great grandchildren and 25 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son and daughter-in-law, William and Martha Stuller; a daughter, Julia Bolen; three brothers, Simon Drew, William Drew and Kenneth Drew; two brothers and a sister who died in infancy; two granddaughters, Bonnie and Patty Stuller; and four great-great grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital Home Health and Hospice, 1316 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

Orpha Flynn

MIDDLEBURY — Orpha L. Flynn, 88, of 106 Hemsberg Street Middlebury, died at 11:21 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen. She was born July 23, 1919.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

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Mary Jane Kruse

ANGOLA — Mary Jane Kruse, 62, died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, at Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes in Angola.

Mrs. Kruse

She taught high school English for 33 years before retiring in 2000. She taught seven years at Fremont High School, then at Angola High School.

She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Wittenberg University, then earned her master's degree from the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne.

She attended Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont and Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola.

She enjoyed and was well known for her collection of butterfly pins.

She was born May 6, 1945, in Auburn to Ward and Olene (Smith) Kruse. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Kathleen and Robert Heimann of Feeding Hills, Mass., and a nephew, Karl Heimann of Ithaca, N.Y.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterlo. The Rev. Thomas E. Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, 300 W. Orland Road, Angola, IN 46703.

Domingo Pena

LIGONIER — Domingo M. Pena, 86, of Ligonier died at 9:10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, in the critical care unit of Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Margaret Rossman

STURGIS, Mich. — Margaret J. Rossman, 78, of Sturgis died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, at The Laurels of Coldwater in Coldwater, Mich.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Sherman Robinson

ROME CITY — Sherman T. Robinson, 71, of Rome City died at 4:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, with his family at his side at Greencroft Healthcare and Retirement Center in Goshen where he had resided since April.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Dorothy Williams-West

ANGOLA — Dorothy Williams-West, 98, of Angola died Saturday, Sept. 22, 200,7 at Northern Lakes Healthcare and Rehab.

Mrs. Williams-West

Born in Butler, she was a homemaker and had been a member of Assembly of God Church since 1937.

Surviving are three sons, Maynard Williams of Homer, Mich., David Williams of Union City, Mich., and Larry Williams of Orland; two daughters, Annabelle Cole of Brighton and Joyce Hartman of Hudson; 22 grandchildren; and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Williams, in 1985; a daughter, Lois Kreiser; and brother, Walter Krontz.

Services will be Wednesday 11 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial in Rose Lawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Life Tabernacle Church of Kendallville.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include a photograph. We apologize for omitting the photograph in Sunday's edition.*

Nancy Stuller

AUBURN — Nancy M. Stuller, 94, of Auburn died Friday, Sept. 21, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Stuller

Mrs. Stuller was a homemaker. She worked at DeKalb Memorial Hospital and also for Charleston Metal in Waterloo before retiring in 1975.

She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and also attended the Freewill Baptist Church of Waterloo. She was a member of the Pythian Sisters and the Progressive Literary Club.

She was born June 20, 1913, in Lima, Ohio, to Vinton O. and Blanche F. (Stultz) Drew.

She married Bernard Dale Stuller on Feb. 21, 1931, in Steuben County. He died April 19, 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, B. Steven and Teresa Stuller of Bluffton; two daughters and three sons-in-law, Rebecca and Virgil Lanning of White City, Ore., Rosemary and David Briggs of Butler and Harlen Bolen of Waterloo; two sisters, Mavis Ritchie of Auburn and Katherine Cunningham of Butler; 33 grandchildren; 47 great grandchildren; and 25 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son and daughter-in-law, William and Martha Stuller; a daughter, Julia Bolen; three brothers, Simon Drew, William Drew and Kenneth Drew; two brothers and a sister who died in infancy; two granddaughters, Bonnie and Patty Stuller; and four great-great grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital Home Health and Hospice, 1316 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

Susan Kaster

PLYMOUTH — Susan Genelle Kaster of Plymouth, formerly of Auburn, died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007.

Mrs. Kaster

Mrs. Kaster received her bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from Valparaiso University. She served the children of Portage Township Schools in Portage and the East Noble Schools in Kendallville. She was a counselor for RISE services in Angola and the Northeastern Center in Kendallville. Her devoted service to children also was expressed through Special Olympics, Royal Family Kids Camp and the School of Christian Missions.

She was the daughter of Harold and Leah Grier of Marion.

She attended Indiana University, where she met and married her husband of 43 years, the Rev. William R. Kaster, on Sept. 6, 1964. He survives.

Also surviving are their four children, Mary Kaster of Sebastopol, Calif., Michael Kaster and his wife, Daniell Kaster, of Indianapolis, Peter Kaster of Plymouth, and Rebecca Kaster of Michigan City and her two children, Gavin and Eric.

A service of Christian resurrection and celebration of will be Sunday at 4 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 425 S. Michigan St., Plymouth.

A time of fellowship will follow for family and friends.

Memorial donations are to Trinity United Methodist Church for the Royal Family Kids Camp.

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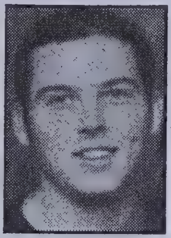
Wesley Brown

LIGONIER — Wesley S. "Wes" Brown, 23, of Albion and formerly of Ligonier died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich., from injuries received in a motorcycle accident on Sept. 16.


Mr. Brown

Mr. Brown was a lifetime Noble County area resident and attended West Noble High School in Ligonier.

He was employed at Wolf Lake Pub and Mark's Body Shop in Wolf Lake. He formerly worked at Smoker Craft in New Paris and D&S Construction in Middlebury.

Mr. Brown formerly attended Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier.

He was born on Aug. 24, 1984, in Goshen to Mark S. and Billie S. (Miller) Brown.

Surviving are his mother, Billie Brown of Kimmell; his father and stepmother, Mark and Christine Brown of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Sarah and Andy Bollet of Hudson; two half sisters, Tarah Lepper and her husband, Kurt, of Kimmell and Julie Brown of Albion; two stepsisters, Sarah Switzer and her husband, Michael, of Terre Haute and Lisa Lehman of Fort Wayne; his paternal grandparents, Carolyn Hanaur of Fort Wayne and Fay and Marcella Brown of Columbia City; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Joe and Gilva Miller, and an uncle, David Miller.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Stone's Hill Community Church, 151 W. Stone's Hill Road, Ligonier, with Pastors Joey Nelson and Nathan Becker officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorial are to the Wesley S. Brown Funeral Memorial Fund in care of Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, IN 46567.

Condolences may be sent online to www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Galen Brock

KENDALLVILLE — Galen Brock, 79, of Bronson, Mich., and formerly of Kendallville died Monday, Sept. 24, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Brock

Mr. Brock owned Brock Janitorial Service for 20 years, a company that served a large area around Bronson. In earlier years, he had been a tool maker for 10 years with Sutton Tool Co. in Sturgis, Mich. He had also managed a cattle farm in Tennessee for five years.

His family moved to Indiana when he was 5 and he grew up in Angola and Kendallville.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1945 and entered the United States Navy in October 1945 and served his country during World War II.

Mr. Brock liked to fix things and he liked all kinds of animals. He was especially happy when he was on the farm in Tennessee raising cattle.

He was a life member Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 and the Fathers' Auxiliary No. 48, both of Kendallville, and the Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

Mr. Brock was born in Goff, Kan., on June 24, 1928, to Leland Lewis and Loneta V. (Kling) Brock. He married Laurabelle Marie Jaquay on July 25, 1970, in Kendallville. She survives in Bronson.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Mary Haviland of Bronson; four grandsons and their spouses, Tom Jr. and Charity Haviland of Bronson, Chad Haviland, in the U.S. Army's Operation Iraqi Freedom, Adam Haviland of Bronson, and Anthony and Jennifer Haviland of Bronson; 11 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Doris of Michigan and Donna of Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Jim Brock.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Terry Siler of Bronson officiating. Burial will be at Rehobeth Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Sherman Robinson Sr.

ROME CITY — Sherman T. Robinson Sr., 71, of Rome City died at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, 2007, at Greencroft Health Care in Goshen surrounded by his family.

Mr. Robinson

Mr. Robinson moved to the area in 1962 from Tribbey, Ky. He spent most of his adult life in Kimmell and moved to Rome City six years ago.

Mr. Robinson had been an inspector at Curto Foundry in Ligonier, retiring in June 1996.

He enjoyed farming and raising horses, woodworking, fishing, hunting and going to auctions.

Mr. Robinson was a member of Wolcottville Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

He was born May 6, 1936, in Breathitt County, Ky., to Walter Sr. and Addie (Tharpe) Robinson.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Sherman and Terrie Robinson of Chicago and Walter Lee Robinson of Kimmell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Vickie and Kevin Bortner of Ligonier and Nancy and Scott Mills of Kendallville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Donnie and Connie Robinson of Ligonier and Dana Dean and Vicki Robinson of Albion; a sister, June Benningfield of Kentucky; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; his fiancee, Mae Wooten of Rome City; and the mother of his children, Clara Robinson of Kimmell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Walter Robinson Jr.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home with the Rev. Leburn Combs officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Joshua Bortner, Chad Bortner, Adam Robinson, Brandon Robinson, Mark Borders, Joshua Borders and Andrew Borders. Honorary pallbearers will be Ray Ramey and Kevin Frye.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospice or Greencroft Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Margaret Rossman

LAGRANGE — Margaret Joann Rossman, 78, of Coldwater, Mich., and formerly of Sturgis, Mich., died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, at the Laurels of Coldwater in Coldwater.

Mrs. Rossman

Mrs. Rossman was a lifetime LaGrange area resident.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Rossman was born on July 31, 1929, in LaGrange County to Francis and Laura (Sailors) Ringler. She married Richard "Dick" Rossman on Oct. 9, 1948, in Valentine. He survives in Sturgis.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Phillip Richardson and Sue and Thomas Cripe, all of Sturgis; two sons, Richard Rossman of Centreville, Mich., and Timothy L. Rossman and his companion, Debbey Keefer, of Sturgis; a brother, Donald Ringler of Wolcottville; two sisters, Laura Bowdish of Sturgis and Helen Busk of Reed City, Mich.; four grandchildren, Carrie and Jeremi Hale, Daniel and Marcia Cripe, and Cody Cripe and his fiancee, Lisa Leny, all of Sturgis, and Kristy Richardson and her companion, Vireak Kong, of Elkhart; and four great-grandchildren, Chelsea and Madison Hale and Taylor and Emmilee Cripe.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Violet Wood, Nila Burkey and Elna Miller, and six brothers, Harold, Homer, Chancey, Carl, Warren and Paul Ringler.

A memorial service will be at noon Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with Robert Rossman officiating.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. until the service on Saturday.

Memorials are to The Laurels of Coldwater, C-Wing.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Domingo Pena Sr.

LIGONIER — Domingo M. Pena Sr., 86, of Ligonier died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was a retired farmer and laborer.

Mr. Pena was a member of Dios de Amor Church in Ligonier.

He was born on Feb. 20, 1921, in Burgos, Tamaulipas, Mexico, to Pedro Pena and Hilaria (Morado) Pena. He married Celia Martinez on June 18, 1949, in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico. She died Dec. 25, 1998.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel and Milca Pena, David D. and Margarita Pena, and Domingo Jr. and Shelly Pena, all of Ligonier; six daughters and sons-in-law, D. Dolores and Greg Pfenning, Delia J. and Ezequiel Cervantes, Dorfelinda V. and Jose Vargas, Dara C. and Juan Estrada and Dina Rose Pena, all of Ligonier, and Dora A. and David Ybarra of Weslaco, Texas; a sister, Victoria Sosa of Mexico; 22 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Dalia A. "Leti" Pena on March 18, 2004; three brothers, Manuel, Cosme and Hilarion Pena; and two sisters, Juaquina Garza, and Ramona Castillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Assembly of God, 1288 W. Union St. in Ligonier with the Rev. Abel de Leon officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Assembly of God.

J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Ronald Greer

KENDALLVILLE — Ronald W. "Ron" Greer, 44, of Kendallville and formerly of Leo died Monday, Sept. 24, 2007, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A U.S. Navy veteran, he worked at Nishawaka Co. as a quality control technician.

Mr. Greer was a member of Statewood Baptist Church.

He is survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Joey Collins of Georgia; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Don and Pam Greer of Leo and Jim and Kathy Greer of Grabill; and a friend, Cheryl Short of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Woodrow and Gladys Greer.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Sanders Temple

KENDALLVILLE — Sanders "Sandy" Temple of Kendallville died Monday, Sept. 24, 2007, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Elsie Stambaugh

LEXINGTON PARK, Md. — Elsie R. Stambaugh, 86, of Lexington Park, Md., and formerly a longtime resident of Milton, Fla., died Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, at Bayside Care Center in Lexington Park after a brief illness.

Mrs. Stambaugh was a graduate of Edgerton (Ohio) High School, a homemaker and was a resident of Milton, Fla., for 47 years.

She was born June 25, 1921, in Eureka, Mo., the daughter of Irwin G. and Theresia (Goebel) Haddix.

Her husband, Glen Charles Stambaugh, died Feb. 14, 1974.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Glenda and Thomas L. Phillips, of Chula Vista, Calif.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Charles Stambaugh of Lexington Park, Md., and Sam R. and C.J. Stambaugh of Lawrenceville, Ga.; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four sisters, Sevilla Miller and Corda Curtis, both of Angola, Viola Keller of Edon, Ohio, and Grace Redmond of Pace, Fla.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio, with Pastor Eric Dailey officiating. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Foundation for Alzheimers and Related Disorders.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Card Of Thanks

The family of David Coil would liek to thank Pastor Dan Barker, Trinity United Methodist Church, Pastor Bret Frymier, Brazzell Funeral Home & Friends for the prayers, words of love and comfort, food and other acts of kindness extended to us after the passsing of our son David.

God Bless You,
Robert & Helen Coil & Family

Eugene Nahrwold

FORT WAYNE — Eugene Nahrwold, 85, of Fort Wayne died at 1:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 24, 2007, at the Towne House Retirement Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Nahrwold had operated Derby Auto Sales in Fort Wayne for 40 years and coined the phrase "Buy Here — Pay Here." He had also been employed at the used car manager at the former Hefner Chevrolet dealership and had worked at Allen County Motors.

He graduated from South Side High School and received a bachelor's degree from Butler University.

Mr. Nahrwold served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

In 1962 he coached the Derby Auto Sales Little League baseball team to a championship.

He was born March 23, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Otto and Dorothea (Rose) Nahrwold. He married Joanne M. Doty and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, retired Col. Scott and Peggy Nahrwold of Columbia, S.C., and Brett "Bo" and Janet Nahrwold of Fort Wayne; four daughters and sons-in-law, Lark and Karl Romero of Newport Beach, Calif.; Starr and Keith Brautigam of Cedar Springs, Mich., Gina and John Cox of Southern Pines, N.C., and Trina and Jeff Neeley of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Dorothy Wehrling and Janie Bosserman, both of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Victor Nahrwold; and a sister, Melba Harris.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Wallen Baptist Church with Pastor John Suciu officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 6-9 p.m. today at the church and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Wallen Baptist Church.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Elsa Honer

SOUTH BEND — Elsa L. Honer, 71, of South Bend died at 7:10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, surrounded by her family after a battle with cancer.

Mrs. Honer

Mrs. Honer was a lifetime South Bend area resident and graduated from South Bend Central High School in 1953.

She received a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and taught elementary school in Fremont, Mich., and at Swanson Elementary School in South Bend.

Mrs. Honer will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

She was an artist, painting her own Christmas cards every year, and loved Easter and enjoyed watching the annual Easter egg hunt.

She was born Jan. 17, 1936, to William and Madeline (Pauwels) Farrington. She married Gordon Honer on Sept. 2, 1978. He survives in South Bend.

Also surviving are her children and their spouses, Christine and Paul Sherry of Osceola, Gary and Lori Honer of Indianapolis, Diana and Kenneth Koenig of Knox, Laura Clayton of Granger, William and Renee Lewinski of Mishawaka, and Lyn Tavernier and her companion of Elkhart; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Alice Farrington of South Bend; and a sister and brother-in-law, Ilah and Larry Alsop of North Vernon.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Chapel Hill Funeral Home, 10776 McKinley Highway, Osceola. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Osceola.

Condolences may be sent online to www.chapelhillmemorial.com.

Norman Walker

FORT WAYNE — Norman E. Walker, 81, died Monday, Sept. 24, 2007, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Walker

Mr. Walker was a native of Greenfield and served as a U.S. Navy Yeoman 3rd Class in World War II.

He was employed with Uniroyal Goodrich for 33 years.

Mr. Walker was a member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church.

He was an avid deer hunter and fisherman and enjoyed golfing at Eel River where he played in the Senior League.

Mr. Walker also coached West State Little League for 25 years.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Sally Walker of Fort Wayne; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Gary E. Walker of Fort Wayne, Gregory S. and Linda Walker and Randy N. and Pam Walker, all of Roanoke, and Bruce A. and Melissa Walker of South Bend; two daughters, Becky A. Colter and Marcia L. Walker, both of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren, Calvin Colter and his wife, Liz, Mandy Walker, Melissa Colter, Megan Colter, Evan Walker, Teresa Gorski, Geoff Gorski, Gerry Gorski and Jennifer Gorski; three great-grandchildren, Natalie, Colton and Chase; a brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Barb Walker of Fort Wayne; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Annabelle and Orville Dennis of Hudson, Betty and Leroy Lawson of Churubusco and Bonnie and Jack Flaugh of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1500 W. State Blvd., with Father Gary Sigler officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with Rosary at 6 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Ilene Young

KENDALLVILLE — Ilene Young, 86, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Sanders Temple

KENDALLVILLE — Sanders Edwin "Sandy" Temple, 85, of Kendallville died Monday, Sept. 24, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Temple

Mr. Temple was a lifetime Kendallville resident and a United States Army veteran of World War II.

He was employed with Kraft Foods for 42 years and retired from there in 1985. Then he went to work for Bostwick-Braun in Ashley three years and J.O. Mory as courier for another 12 years.

Mr. Temple loved to tell stories, ride his motorcycle, and watch cowboy and science fiction movies. He could fix about anything and was known as a real handyman.

He was born Dec. 18, 1921, in Kendallville to Sanders Edwin Sr. and Ethel (Cochran) Temple. He married Bonnie Lou Smith on Feb. 6, 1965. She died March 22, 2007.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Sandra and Fred Barkey of Bowling Green, Ky., Kimberly Forker of Rome City, Kristin Davidson of Kendallville and Annette and Terry Donat of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law Walter and Mary Temple and Kirk and Krystal Temple, all of Kendallville; a daughter-in-law, Dyanne Temple-Barksdale of Athens, Ala.; his mother-in-law, Esther Smith of Garrett; a brother, Donald Temple of Kendallville; a sister, Gloria Graves of Auburn; 19 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

He was also preceded in death by his father in 1943; his mother in 1960; two sons, Aaron Temple on July 10, 1965, and David Temple on Sept. 13, 1979; two brothers, Russell and George Temple; and a sister, Avonna Holmes.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Lilley officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with military graveside services by VFW Post 2749. Pallbearers will be Derek Davidson, Dustin Forker, Jason Temple, Kamron Temple, Brandon Donat, Thomas Barkey and Kelsey Forker.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice.

View a video tribute (after Thursday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Larry Wolfe

HAMILTON — Larry J. "Wolfie" Wolfe, 46, of Hamilton died Monday, Sept. 24, 2007.

Mr. Wolfe

Born in Auburn, Mr. Wolfe was a truck driver with Evans Equipment and was a member of the Butler Eagles.

Surviving are his wife, Vickie Wolfe of Hamilton; two sons, James D. Wolfe of Garrett and Donald D. Petre of Metz; two daughters, Amy Myers and Jennifer Conley, both of Hamilton; a stepson, Kirk Davis of Goshen; five brothers and a sister-in-law, Jerry E. Wolfe of Wolcottville, James L. and Shelly Wolfe of Auburn, Wendell Wolfe of Auburn, Darrell Wolfe of Spencerville and Steve A. Wolfe of Waterloo; two sisters, Kathy Collins of Kentucky and Tammy Lee of Decatur; his mother, Ruth A. Tester of Waterloo; 10 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor Harold Gingerich officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery at Hudson.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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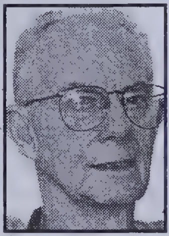
Jesse Tuffley

KENDALLVILLE — Jesse Tuffley, 89, of Kendallville died unexpectedly on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, at his residence.


Mr. Tuffley

Mr. Tuffley had been employed with Gateway Trucking as safety superintendent, the city of Kendallville as street superintendent and had also worked at Quick Tanks. He retired in 1976 as custodian at Wayne Center School.

He graduated from Makokata High School in Iowa in 1936 and entered the United States Army in January 1942, serving his country during World War II until 1944.

Mr. Tuffley loved fishing, working on bicycles and traveling in his motorhome. He especially loved spending time with his grandchildren and watching the Indianapolis Colts.

He was a member of American Legion Post 86, Francis Vinyard V.F.W. Post 2749, Disabled American Veterans and Trinity Church United Methodist.

Mr. Tuffley was born in Calmar, Iowa, on April 16, 1918, to Jess George and Inez Mabel (Willis) Tuffley. He married Monna Marie Moore on Dec. 10, 1947, in Prairie du Chien, Wis. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert and Pam Tuffley of Big Long Lake, Ronald and Sharon Tuffley of Stroh and Charles Tuffley of Kendallville; two daughters, Patricia and Dr. Michael Cox of Kendallville and Janis and John Engerman of Columbia City; 14 grandchildren and their spouses, Gabe and Daphne Jones, Seth and Sarah Cox, Bryce Cox, Luke Cox, Jesse and Abby Cox, Benjamin and Ashley Tuffley, Kyle and Carolyn Tuffley, Derek Tuffley, Charles Tuffley, Danielle Tuffley, Sara and Mark Church, Beth and Joel Hampshire, Jill Engerman and Kevin Engerman; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Travis Tuffley in 1992; a sister, Zelma McElroy; and brothers, Kenneth, Milton and Lionel Tuffley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Trinity Church United Methodist with Pastor Scott Pattison officiating. Military services will be conducted by VFW Post 2749 at the church following services.

Burial will be at a later date at Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Gabe Jones, Seth Cox, Bryce Cox, Luke Cox, Jesse Cox, Ben Tuffley, Kyle Tuffley, Derek Tuffley, Charles Tuffley and Kevin Engerman.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association or Ichthyosis Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
September 26, 2007, Wednesday

Gearald Ray "Jerry" Stratman, 57

COLUMBIA CITY – Gearald Ray "Jerry" Stratman, 57, a resident of High Lake, Noble County, died at 3:38 pm Tuesday, September 11, 2007 in the Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born on March 24, 1950 in Evansville, a son of John Robert and Margaret Ann Kissel Stratman. At the age of eight, his family moved to Columbia City, where he attended grade school and graduated from the Columbia City Joint High School. He completed his education at Huntington College and Indiana University, Evansville.

He made his home in Canada for several years where he was employed as a professional hunting and fishing guide. Since returning to Indiana he has worked in plumbing and heating sales. For the past ten years, he has been employed as a sales representative for Cutting Tools in New Haven.

An avid outdoor sportsman, he was actively involved in Ducks Unlimited.

He was a member of the Catholic Church.

The surviving relatives include a sister, Beth Ann (Parke Smith) Stratman, Leesburg; a brother, Jeffrey (Jerry Harper) Stratman, Syracuse; a nephew, Aaron Stratman and his stepfather, Charles Daniels of Columbia City.

A memorial mass will be held at 12 noon, Saturday, September 29, 2007 in the St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Columbia City, with Father Larry Cramer the officiant. Visitation will be one half hour before the mass.

There will be a Celebration of Life at 1 pm Saturday, September 29, 2007 at the Columbia City V.F.W. Post #5582, 415 East Chicago Street.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Ducks Unlimited or the Whitley County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Lorraine Peninger, 80

EVANSVILLE — Lorraine (Lakey) Peninger, 80, formerly of Albion, died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007, at VNA Charlier Hospice Center, Evansville.

Mrs. Peninger had retired from Dana Corp. after 15 years as a payroll clerk.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Prentice Chapter in Albion, a 16-year member of First Baptist Church in Evansville, and a 25-year member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

She was born May 31, 1927, in Cortland, Ohio, to John E. and Bessie M. (Buckeloo) Lakey. She married John C. Peninger Jr. He died in 1988.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Gail Elane and Kerry Scheurich of Avilla; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Karen Sue Peninger of Newburgh; a sister, Delores Steinbacher of Garrett; six grandchildren and their spouses, Jason Scheurich, John Scheurich, Leslie and Jeremy Neely, Kim Miller, Mathew and Katie Peninger, and Megan Peninger; and three great-grandchildren, Marisa, Kayla and Olivia Neely.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and a sister.

Services were September 25, 2007 at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial took place at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church, 320 Cherry St., Evansville, IN 47713.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
September 26, 2007, Wednesday

Sherman T. Robinson, Sr. - 71

ROME CITY - Sherman T. Robinson, Sr. - age 71 passed away with his family surrounding him at Greencroft Health care in Goshen on September 23, 2007.

He was born on May 6, 1936 in Breathitt County, KY. He was born to Walter Sr. and Addie (Tharpe) Robinson, they both preceded him in death.

He came here from Tribbey, KY in 1962 and spent most of his adult life in Kimmell, he moved to Rome City six years ago.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Walter Robinson, Jr.

He was an inspector at Curto Foundry in Ligonier, and retired in June of 1996.

He was a member of Wolcottville Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville. He enjoyed farming, raising horses, and woodworking, fishing and some hunting and also enjoyed going to as many auctions as he could.

Surviving members are his wife of 38 years and the mother of his children, Clara Robinson of Kimmell; two sons, Sherman (Terrie) Robinson Jr. of Chicago and Walter Lee Robinson of Kimmell; two daughters, Vicki (Kevin) Bortner of Ligonier and Nancy (Scott) Mills of Kendallville; two brothers, Donnie (Connie) Robinson of Ligonier and Dana Dean (Vicki) Robinson of Albion; a sister, June Benningfield of KY; nine grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; and his Fiancee Mae Wooten of Rome City.

Funeral services will be at the funeral home, Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007 at 11:00 A.M. at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey - Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, Indiana with Rev. Leeburn Combs officiating. Pallbearers are: All of his grandsons, Joshua Bortner, Chad Bortner, Adam Robinson, Brandon Robinson, Mark Borders, Joshua Borders, and Andrew Borders. Honorary pallbearers are Ray Ramsey and Kevin Frye.

Burial is in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey - Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, Indiana is in charge of arrangements.

Ruby Trowbridge, 91

KENDALLVILLE — Ruby M. Trowbridge, 91, of Kendallville died at 1:10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill.

Mrs. Trowbridge was a housewife.

She was born May 29, 1916, in Noble County to William and Hazel (Gillespie) Strouse. She married Victor W. Trowbridge on June 22, 1939. He died in 1968.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Brenda Trowbridge of Westfield, Victor and Linda Trowbridge of Columbia City and Thomas and Cindy Trowbridge of Kendallville; two sisters, Delores Young of Avilla and Betty Jane Shanton of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, David, Todd, Kevin, Kari, Karla, Kim, Vicki and Hazel; and eight stepgrandchidren.

She was also preceded in death by one brother, Russell Strouse, and one grandson, Michael Trowbridge.

Services were held September 22, 2007 at Young Family Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Chris Mosley officiated. Burial took place at Sweet Cemetery.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill Alzheimer's Unit or Grace Christian Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
September 26, 2007, Wednesday

Wesley S. "Wes" Brown - 23

ALBION - Wesley S. (Wes) Brown, 23, of Albion (formerly of Ligonier) died Sunday afternoon, September 23, 2007 at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, MI from injuries received in a motorcycle accident on Sept. 16th. He was born on August 24, 1984 in Goshen to Mark S. & Billie S. (Miller) Brown.

He was a lifetime Noble County area resident and attended West Noble High School in Ligonier. He was employed at Wolf Lake Pub & Mark's Body Shop in Wolf Lake. He formerly worked at Smoker Craft in New Paris and D&S Construction in Middlebury. He formerly attended the Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier.

He is survived by:his mother, Billie Brown of Kimmell; his father & stepmother, Mark and Christine Brown of Albion; a sister, Mrs. Andy (Sarah) Bollet of Hudson; two half sisters, Mrs. Kurt (Tarah) Lepper of Kimmell & Julie Brown of Albion; two step sisters, Mrs. Michael (Sarah) Switzer of Terre Haute, IN and Lisa Lehman of Fort Wayne; paternal grandparents, Carolyn Hanaur of Fort Wayne and Fay (wife, Marcella) Brown of Columbia City, IN; several nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Joe & Gilva Miller and his Uncle David Miller.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 27, 2007 at Stone's Hill Community Church, 151 W. Stone's Road, Ligonier, IN. with Pastor's Joey Nelson & Nathan Becker officiating. Burial will follow in the Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell

Memorial bequests may be given to the Wesley S. Brown Funeral Memorial Fund c/o Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, IN 46567. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and at the church. To send condolences to the family in Mr. Brown's memory please visit www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com

Owen Family Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.

Card of Thanks

The family of David Coil would like to thank Pastor Dan Barker, Trinity United Methodist Church, Pastor Bret Frymier, Brazzell Funeral Home and friends; for the prayers, words of love and comfort, food and other acts of kindness extended to us after the passing of our son David.

God Bless You,
Robert & Helen Coil and Family

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Ilene Young

KENDALLVILLE — Ilene M. Young, 86, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Young

Mrs. Young was an active member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and enjoyed playing cards and crocheting. Mrs. Young especially loved spending time with her family.

She graduated from Albion-Jefferson High School in 1939 and was employed as a telephone operator in Albion in the 1940s and worked at the G.C. Murphy Co. in downtown Kendallville for 13 years.

She was born at Bakerstown near Albion on Sept. 10, 1921, to Frank and Alma Louisa (Weller) Jacob. She married John Hire Young on June 12, 1948, in Goshen. He preceded her in death in 1982.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Connie and Richard Maassel of Westerville, Ohio, and Cheryl Young and Cathy and David Thiem, all of Kendallville; a son-in-law, Charles "Skip" Ackman of Ashley; a sister, Leona Schwalbe of Bloomington, Ill.; two sisters-in-law, Dolores Jacob of Albion and Kay Jacob of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and spouses, Debra and Richard Krull of Hudson, Carrie and James Richards of Sturgis, John Maassel and Kevin Maassel, both of Westerville, and Laura Thiem of Kendallville; and five great-grandchildren: Richard "Zane" Krull, Nolan Krull, Cassie Smith, Katie Richards and James Richards.

She was also preceded in death by parents; a daughter, Carolyn Ackman in 2002; two grandsons, James Maassel in 1981 and Christopher Thiem in 2004; a sister, Wauneta Reed; and two brothers, Franklin Jacob and D. Elon Jacob.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are made to St. John Lutheran Church or School.

View a video tribute (after Friday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Jade Beitz

WATERLOO — Jade C. Beitz died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born Tuesday to Garrison and Jennifer (Lockridge) Beitz. They survive in Waterloo.

Also surviving are a brother, Noah Bowers; a sister, Brooke Bowers, both of Waterloo; her maternal grandparents, Perry and Victoria Chorpenning of Waterloo; paternal grandparents, Bill and Cindy Parker of Kendallville; maternal great-grandparents, Stanley and Mary Kowalski of Auburn; paternal great-grandparents, Bill and Mary Jane Blackford of Fort Wayne; and several aunts and uncles.

Private family services were held today at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo was in charge of arrangements.

Ferdinand Meyer

ARCOLA — Ferdinand A. "Fred" Meyer, 63, of Arcola died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Meyer

Mr. Meyer had been an Arcola resident since 1998.

He had been employed as a highway construction worker for S.E. Johnson, E&B Paving Inc. and Brooks Construction.

Mr. Meyer was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Arcola and a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born April 28, 1944, in Ypsilanti, Mich., to Raymond and Elvira (Schultz) Meyer. He married Lynette Schneider on Sept. 4, 1993. She survives in Arcola.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Tammy Meyer of Greensboro, N.C., Tonya and George Barlow of Austin, Texas, and Tina Webb of Murrieta, Calif.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Michelle and Andy Cambron of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Jamie Freese of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, Harold Rayburn; a brother, Myron Meyer; and three sisters, Jeannette, Donna and an infant.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Father Cyril Fernandes of St. Patrick's Catholic Church officiating. Entombment will be in the mausoleum at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

To send condolences, visit www.sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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Jay Rowlison

KENDALLVILLE — Paul James "Jay" Rowlison, 79, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007, at 12:42 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Rowlison

He was a lifetime area resident.

Mr. Rowlison retired after 14 years with the city of Kendallville Street Department.

He had served in the U.S. Army from 1952-1954 during the Korean War.

Mr. Rowlison was a member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville and was a past member of its Executive Committee.

He was also a member of Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749, 40&8, and Trinity Church United Methodist, all of Kendallville.

Mr. Rowlison enjoyed playing shuffleboard and walking. He was often found talking with the construction workers and watching the building progress of Cornerstone Plaza.

He was born May 28, 1928, in Stroh to Paul E. and Dora May (Pierson) Rowlison. He married Donnabelle Refner on Nov. 26, 1954, in Auburn. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Bruce Hamilton of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Catherine Rowlison of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; four grandchildren, April Hoff, Lisa Hamilton, Staci Rowlison and Tyler Rowlison; and three sisters and a brother-in-law, Cora and Willis Tuttle of Auburn, Catherine Kaufman of Angola and Joan Huling of Mishawaka.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Donald Rowlison; and five sisters, Geraldine Leonhardt, Pauline Rowlison, Donna Jean Rowlison, Nancy Kay Rowlison and Betty Arnold.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., with the Rev. G. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Graveside military services will be provided by the members of American Legion Post 86 and Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749. Pallbearers will be Don Moore, Norbert Franks, Kevin Franks, Bob Dunafin, Brian Bailey, Gary Smith, Don Leighty and Don Moore Jr., all members of American Legion Post 86.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist, Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice, or to Riley Children's Hospital.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Gilbert Toro

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Gilbert Rodriguez Toro, 86, of California Township, Branch County, Montgomery, Mich., died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, at home.

Mr. Toro was born June 25, 1921. He was married to Ireta (Schoun) Rodriguez, and she survives.

Serrvices are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Alyssa Plummer

KENDALLVILLE — Alyssa Plummer was stillborn Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville to David Clark Plummer Jr. and Rachel Marie (Sprague) Plummer of rural Kendallville.

Surviving with her parents are a sister, Juliana Plummer; maternal grandparents, Mike and Sue Sprague of Ligonier and Linda and Mike Marshall of Ligonier; paternal grandparents, David and Joyce Plummer of Marion; maternal great-grandparents, Margaret "Midge" Marshall of Cromwell, Virgil Burns of Ligonier and Bea Sawicki of Fort Wayne; uncles, Kevin Plummer of Indianapolis, Jason Campbell of Goshen and Daniel Sprague of Ligonier; and an aunt, Katie Moreno of Ligonier.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Lake View Cemetery with Mel Harrel officiating.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is handling the funeral arrangements.

Send condolences to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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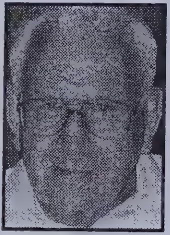
Max McGuire

ALBION — Max McGuire, 85, of Albion died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.


Mr. McGuire

Mr. McGuire had been a lifetime area resident and farmer.

He had also worked for 15 years at Dekko Heating in North Webster, retiring in 1998.

Mr. McGuire served in the U.S. Army in World War II and was discharged in 1945 after receiving many medals and distinctions.

He was a member of Albion American Legion Post 246, VFW Post 6413 and Albion Eagles Lodge 2455. He was also a member of the World War II 671st Engineer Co. group that meets biennially in Decatur.

Mr. McGuire enjoyed attending his grandchildren's activities, deer hunting, fishing, playing cards and dining out with his family members.

He was born Aug. 7, 1922, in York Township in Noble County to Rollin and Orpha (Lindsey) McGuire. He married M. Irene Turk on Dec. 15, 1942. She died Jan. 23, 2003.

Surviving are a son and his fiancee, Bill McGuire and Rachel Welch, both of Kendallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lois and Ken Ward of Sodus, Mich., Elaine Wolfe and her friend Marlin McCleary, both of Albion, and Betty and John Pettit of Goshen; a brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Pauline McGuire of Churubusco; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Evelyn Young of Crawfordsville and Marcelle and Lee Mahnensmith of Indianapolis; 13 grandchildren and spouses, Kim and Lance Snyder, Daren Bortner, Kristal Mynhier, Jimmy and Charna Mynhier, Traci and Ron Stanley, Teresa and Troy Airgood, Troy and Rachel Owen, Tiffany and Tyler Smith, Steve and Carrie McGuire, Dustin McGuire, Gavin McGuire, Brentin McGuire and Jenny and Graden Stahl; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Carlos and Wroth McGuire; three grandchildren; and a son-in-law, Neal Wolfe.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at David Funeral Home, 1292 Drake Road, Kendallville, with Pastor Michael Heinbaugh of Ligonier United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Rosehill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to North Ridge Village Nursing Home or Parkview Hospice of Whitley County.

Daniel Collins

SNEEDVILLE, Tenn. — Daniel Boone "D.B." Collins, 71, of Sneedville, Tenn., died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, at his home.

Born Dec. 1, 1935, he was a member of the Freedom to Worship Church in Garrett. He spent much time writing Gospel music and singing for the Lord.

Surviving are his wife, Ameline Collins of Sneedville, Tenn.; a son and daughter-in-law, Danny and Susan Collins of Indiana; four daughters and two sons-in-law, DeWana and James Richey of Indiana, Debra and Thomas Platter of Indiana, Diana Collins of Indiana and Donna Caudill of Virginia; two stepsons, Earl Lawson Jr. and Randall D. Lawson; three stepdaughters, Lillie Mae Lawson, Kathy Sue Dean and Joyce Louthan and her husband, Paul; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Claude and Mable Collins and Russell and Juanita Collins; two sisters, Oralee Louthan and Mary Sexton; 22 grandchildren, 11 stepgrandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Lambert and Gertrude Collins; his first wife, Della Collins; brothers Roscoe and J.B. Collins; and sisters Christine Carpenter and Inez Collins.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Coffey Funeral Home Chapel in Tazewell, Tenn. The Rev. Orville Yeary and DeWana Richey will officiate. The Turner Family will sing. Burial will be in Vardy Cemetery at Galli Horn with military honors.

Calling will be Friday from 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

THE NEWS SUN
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Helen Tooman

WABASH — Helen May Tooman, 90, of Wabash and formerly of Garrett died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, at Wabash County Hospital.

Mrs. Tooman

Mrs. Tooman lived in DeKalb County her entire life before moving to Wabash in 2006.

She worked as a bookkeeper for the A&P Grocery Store for 27 years. She also was an aide at J.E. Ober Elementary School in Garrett.

Mrs. Tooman was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, the Order of the Eastern Star and was in the Canasta Card Club for more than 45 years.

She was born Oct. 25, 1916, in Garrett to Walter and Alta (Lung) Dowdend.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Virginia Livergood of Wabash and Robert and Dorie Livergood of Idabel, Okla.; two daughters, Laura McDermott of Auburn and Eleanor Pyle of Monroe; a stepson and his wife, Charles and Barbara Tooman of Marquette, Mich.; a stepdaughter, Judy Beeber of Arlington Heights, Ill.; two sisters, Cathrine Hathaway of Auburn and Edna Dunkin of South Bend; 11 grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Robert Livergood; her second husband, George Grogg; her third husband, Earl Tooman; two sisters, June Sebert and Lorrine Hathaway; and a grandson.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be Friday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

To send a condolence or sign an online guestbook, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
September 27, 2007, Thursday

Former resident dies from accident injuries

Services were this morning for Wesley Brown

LIGONIER — Wesley S. "Wes" Brown, 23, of Albion and formerly of Ligonier died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich., from injuries received in a motorcycle accident on Sept. 16.

Mr. Brown was a lifetime Noble County area resident and had attended West Noble High School in Ligonier.

He was employed at Wolf Lake Pub and Mark's Body Shop in Wolf Lake. He formerly worked at Smoker Craft in New Paris and D&S Construction in Middlebury.

Mr. Brown

Mr. Brown formerly attended Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier.

He was born on Aug. 24, 1984, in Goshen to Mark S. and Billie S. (Miller) Brown.

Surviving are his mother, Billie Brown of Kimmell; his father and stepmother, Mark and Christine Brown of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Sarah and Andy Bollet of Hudson; two half sisters, Tarah Lepper and her husband, Kurt, of Kimmell and Julie Brown of Albion; two stepsisters, Sarah Switzer and her husband, Michael, of Terre Haute and Lisa Lehman of Fort Wayne; his paternal grandparents, Carolyn Hanaur of Fort Wayne and Fay and Marcella Brown of Columbia City; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Joe and Gilva Miller, and an uncle, David Miller.

Services were held this morning at Stone's Hill Community Church, Ligonier, with Pastors Joey Nelson and Nathan Becker officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling was from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorial are to the Wesley S. Brown Funeral Memorial Fund in care of Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, IN 46567.

Condolences may be sent online to www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Benefit events planned in Brown's memory

Friends and family members of Wes Brown are continuing with benefit events planned before his untimely passing from the motorcycle accident.

Wes was known and loved by many and his family could use assistance to help with medical and funeral expenses.

Monetary donations can be directly deposited into an account set up especially for Wes through Community State Bank.

There will be a car wash at the Wolf Lake Marathon gas station this Saturday, September 29, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. All donations will be directly deposited into the account that is set up at CSB, please come out.

On Saturday, October 20, there will be a benefit softball tournament at the Wolf Lake Ball Park. The cost is $100 per team. Contact Bobbi Wert at 260-609-6489 for more details.

All proceeds will be deposited into the account set up for the family.

Steven Hanlon

PENDELTON, Inc. — Steven L. Hanlon, 60, a former reisdent of Ligonier and Albion, died on Sept. 24, 2007 at Kindred Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born in Kendallville on January 20, 1947.

Mr. Hanlon was the son of Robert and Carole (Gray) Hanlon.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law: Stephanie and Michael Kovaleski; sons and a daughter-in-law: Trever & Marisa Hanlon and Steven Hanlon, Jr.; and three grandchildren: William Haab; Clayton Kovaleski and Sydney Kovaleski.

Cremation will take place with services at a later date.

Rozelle Johnson Funeral Service was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to American Heart Association.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
September 27, 2007, Thursday

Sherman Robinson Sr.

ROME CITY — Sherman T. Robinson Sr., 71, of Rome City died at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, 2007, at Greencroft Health Care in Goshen surrounded by his family.

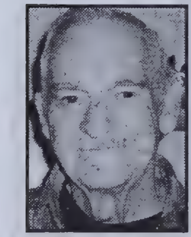
Mr. Robinson moved to the area in 1962 from Tribbey, Ky. He spent most of his adult life in Kimmell and moved to Rome City six years ago.

Mr. Robinson had been an inspector at Curto Foundry in Ligonier, retiring in June 1996.

He enjoyed farming and raising horses, woodworking, fishing, hunting and going to auctions.

Mr. Robinson was a member of Wolcottville Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

He was born May 6, 1936, in Breathitt County, Ky., to Walter Sr. and Addie (Tharpe) Robinson.



Mr. Robinson

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Sherman and Terrie Robinson of Chicago and Walter Lee Robinson of Kimmell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Vickie and Kevin Bortner of Ligonier and Nancy and Scott Mills of Kendallville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Donnie and Connie Robinson of Ligonier and Dana Dean and Vicki Robinson of Albion; a sister, June Benningfield of Kentucky; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; his fiancee, Mae Wooten of Rome City; and the mother of his children, Clara Robinson of Kimmell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Walter Robinson Jr.

Services were at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home with the Rev. Leburn Combs officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Joshua Bortner, Chad Bortner, Adam Robinson, Brandon Robinson, Mark Borders, Joshua Borders and Andrew Borders. Honorary pallbearers will be Ray Ramey and Kevin Frye.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospice or Greencroft Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Domingo Pena Sr.

LIGONIER — Domingo M. Pena Sr., 86, of Ligonier died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was a retired farmer and laborer.

Mr. Pena was a member of Dios de Amor Church in Ligonier.

He was born on Feb. 20, 1921, in Burgos, Tamaulipas, Mexico, to Pedro Pena and Hilaria (Morado) Pena. He married Celia Martinez on June 18, 1949, in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico. She died Dec. 25, 1998.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel and Milca Pena, David D. and Margarita Pena, and Domingo Jr. and Shelly Pena, all of Ligonier; six daughters and sons-in-law, D. Dolores and Greg Pfenning, Delia J. and Ezequiel Cervantes, Dorfelinda V. and Jose Vargas, Dara C. and Juan Estrada and Dina Rose Pena, all of Ligonier, and Dora A. and David Ybarra of Weslaco, Texas; a sister, Victoria Sosa of Mexico; 22 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Dalia A. "Leti" Pena on March 18, 2004; three brothers, Manuel, Cosme and Hilarion Pena; and two sisters, Juaquina Garza, and Ramona Castillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today, Thursday, at Trinity Assembly of God, 1288 W. Union St. in Ligonier with the Rev. Abel de Leon officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling was Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Assembly of God.

J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

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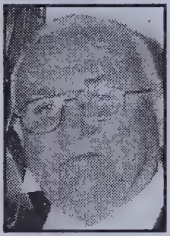
Gilberto Toro

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Gilbert Rodriguez Toro, 86, of California Township, Branch County, Montgomery, Mich., died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, at his home.



Mr. Toro

Mr. Toro retired from the position of purchasing director of Bella Vista Hospital in Puerto Rico in 2003.

He was a member of Rayborn Memorial Seventh Day Adventist Church in Coldwater, Mich. Mr. Toro enjoyed gardening and being outdoors.

Mr. Toro was born June 25, 1921, in Lajas, Puerto Rico, to Juan and Jofefa (Toro) Rodriguez. He married Ireta Schoun Rodriguez in May 2003. She survives in Montgomery.

Also surviving are his daughter, Eneida Dena, and a son, Elvin Gilberto Rodriguez, both of California; a stepson, Gorge Perez of Florida; two stepdaughters, Wanda Castnon of Florida and Barbara Miller of Montgomery; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Bernice Rodriguez.

Services will be Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the family residence, 840 Phillips Road, Montgomery, with Richard Dena officiating. Burial will be at California Cemetery in Montgomery.

Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to Rayborn Memorial Seventh day Adventist Church in Coldwater or to Remnant Publications, 649 E. Chicago Road, Coldwater, MI.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Laverne Stroder

CHURUBUSCO — Laverne R. Stroder, 63, of rural Churubusco died at 2 a.m. today, Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange where she had been a resident for 10 days.

Among her survivors are a daughter, Karen Martin, and two sons, Dayton Glover and David Stroder.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Patrick Biddle

KENDALLVILLE — Family members and friends of Patrick Biddle gathered at his grave site Sept. 15 for a memorial service.

Pastor Nathan Mosley of Grace Christian Church officiated and provided music.

Mr. Biddle, 48, was found dead at his Kendallville residence March 11, 2007.

Elliott Vanderpool

KENDALLVILLE — Elliott Vanderpool, 82, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Bettie Buell

HAMILTON — Bettie Jane (Myers) Buell, 84, of rural Hamilton died Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007, at 11:45 p.m. at Evergreen Manor Nursing Center in Montpelier, Ohio, where she was a resident.

Mrs. Buell was a homemaker and worked alongside her husband on the family farm during their married life.

She was born Jan. 22. 1923. in Garrett to Homer Alty and Erma Jewell (Ray) Myers.

She married Forrest F. Buell on July 30, 1943, in Garrett. He died March 5, 1998.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Christine and Dannie Weinhold of Auburn and Catherine Gibson of Rocky Mount, N.C.; one son and daughter-in-law, Elson and Rhonda Buell of Edon, Ohio; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Ray Myers, and a sister, Ruby Jean Word.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m in Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio, with Pastor Eric Dailey officiating. Interment will follow in Edon Cemetery, Edon, Ohio.

Calling will be Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Henry Gall

ANGOLA — Henry D. Gall, 72, died Thursday morning, Sept. 27, 2007, at the Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at the H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

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Paid Obituary

Robert T. Jones

Mr. Robert T. Jones, 85, died September 24, 2007 at Royal Palm Convalescent Center in Vero Beach, Florida.

He was born September 13, 1922 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. His parents preceded him in death, father William Lewis Jones and mother Rose Crowl Jones, and also a sister, Mary Alice Jones von Stroheim.

He graduated from LaGrange, Indiana High School, attended DePauw University and Brown University, from where he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. A T/Sgt., he was assigned to the 8th Air Force. 2nd Air Division. 389th Bomber Group in England and flew 21 missions on a B-24 Liberator " in the European Theatre Operation.

Returning to the U.S., he attended the University of California at Berkley and upon graduation, studied at Hastings College of Law.

He is a member of Phi Delta Theta, national college fraternity. He worked in accounting and real estate.

Upon retirement, he spent winters in Vero Beach, Florida from 1990 through 1998 at Vista Royale, and later resided at The Place at Vero Beach and Somerset House at Oak Harbor.

The last five years of his life, he enjoyed the devotion of caregivers Nella Wright, Claudette Noel, Linneth Walker and Yvette Hodge-Brown.

Survivors include his sister: Virginia Jones Bright of Vero Beach, Florida; nephew: Erich von Stroheim III of Ft. Collins, CO; and nephew: Peter von Stroheim of Atascadero, CA.

Services will be at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, Indiana at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2nd, 2007 with a military service following at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. (noon) until the service time.

Memorials can be made to the LaGrange County Animal Shelter. 114 West Michigan Street, LaGrange, IN 46746. Phone; (260) 463-4142. Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmay-funeralhome.com

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Leona Stover

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ill. — Leona Stover, 98, of Milledgeville, Ill., died Friday, Sept. 21, 2007, at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Mount Carroll, Ill., where she was a resident.

She worked for Dr. Fitzgerald in Morrison, Ill., for several years and then owned and operated a restaurant in Chadwick, Ill., with her cousin, Esther Handel, for 12 years.

She married Howard Stover on Jan. 27, 1934, and the couple farmed in the Milledgeville area for 47 years, retiring in 1981.

She spent her early years in Carroll and Whiteside counties and attended Whiteside County Schools.

She was a longtime member of the Dutchtown Church of the Brethren and she enjoyed sewing, quilting and gardening.

She was born June 7, 1909, in rural Chadwick to Fred and Bertha (Hoffman) Schreiner.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Norma and Ken Workman of Auburn; a son, Dr. Arman Stover of Lanark, Ill., a brother and sister-in-law, Merlyn and Marion Schreiner of Chadwick; five grandchildren, Mark Workman of Auburn, Lisa Nickerson of Tucson, Ariz., Randall Stover of Lyndon, Ill., Rick Stover of Albany, Ill., and Rodney Stover of Fenton, Ill., nine great-grandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandson.

Services were conducted Monday at the Dutchtown Church of the Brethren with Pastor Rick Koch officiating.

Memorials are to Milledgeville Dutchtown Church of the Brethren.

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Harvest accident kills area farmer

BY DAVE KURTZ
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WATERLOO — A Waterloo farmer was killed Friday afternoon when he became pinned under a combine head in a soybean field.

John Miller, 64, of the 1800 block of S.R. 427, died sometime after 2 p.m. in a field south of C.R. 10, according to authorities.

Miller's brother had spoken with the victim on a cellular telephone call shortly after 2 p.m. He found him under the combine when he checked on him because he could not reach him by phone later, authorities said.

DeKalb County Police received a call at 5:02 p.m. and Sgt. Don Lauer arrived at 5:09 p.m., according to Detective Gary Norton. The victim's brother raised the combine head, and Lauer attempted resuscitation.

DeKalb County Coroner Jeff Warner said Miller was harvesting soybeans when his combine apparently struck a ditch in the field.

"When he got out of the combine to try to fix it, he left the combine running," Warner said. Miller may have activated the ground-level sensors under the combine head, causing the cutting head to come down on top of him, the coroner said.

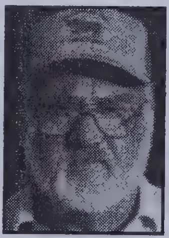
"The head of that combine probably weighs about a ton," Warner said.

Norton said the combine head came down on the victim's chest, but did not crush him.

"There were about six to eight guys standing around, trying to figure out how this happened," after the accident, Norton said. "I don't know that anybody's ever going to know that for sure."

The detective said the combine has safety devices to keep the head from coming down accidentally, but using the devices can make repairs more difficult. An inspection of the combine did not find anything that was broken, he said.

Elliot Vanderpool


Mr. Vanderpool

KENDALLVILLE — Elliot Vanderpool Sr., 82, of Kendallville died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was employed at No-Sag in Kendallville for 25 years before retiring in 1987.

Mr. Vanderpool served nine years in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of Francis Vinyard V.F.W. Post 2749 in Kendallville.

He loved fishing and playing golf, and music, especially bluegrass music, was his favorite pastime. He played several string instruments.

On Oct. 19,1924, in Garrett, Floyd County, Ky., he was born to Bill and Cordella (Thacker) Vanderpool.

Surviving are the mother of his children, Barbara Vanderpool of Kendallville; four daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Jim Sparkman and Marsha and Scott Clements, all of Kendallville, Trish and Gary Furlow of Rome City, and Diana and Michael Gray of LaGrange; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael and Shawn Vanderpool of Goshen, Larry and Serena Vanderpool of Garrett, Elliot Vanderpool Jr. of Bell Buckle, Tenn.; 19 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

His parents preceded him in death. Mr. Vanderpool was the last of 16 children in his family.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Emory Gibson officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

View a video tribute after Sunday or condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Laverne Stroder

CHURUBUSCO — Laverne R. Stroder, 63, of rural Churubusco died at 2 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange following a brief illness. She had been a patient there the past 10 days.

Mrs. Stroder

She spent her formative years in St. Louis, Mo., and moved to Huntertown in 1977 before moving to near Churubusco in 1989.

She was employed as a machine operator at Tenneco Automotive in Ligonier where she worked for the past 13 years.

In her leisure time, she enjoyed watching sporting events on television, and especially enjoyed NASCAR. She also dearly loved her children and grandchildren.

On Nov. 22, 1943, in St. Louis, she was born to Paul and Marie (Kernebeck) Gildehaus.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Gail Martin of Rome City; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dayton Glover and David and Kristi Stroder, all of Churubusco; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Evelyn Garman of LaOtto, and Mary and Bob Grill of Arnold, Mo.; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Alvin and Mary Gildehaus of Cedar Hills, Mo., Raymond Gildehaus of Gray Summit, Mo., and Richard and Deloris Gildehaus of Arnold, Mo.; and nine grandchildren.

Two sisters, Leona Heil and Marilyn Gildehaus, and her parents preceded her in death.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Gaspar's Catholic Church in Rome City with Father Matthew Jozefiak officiating. Burial will be in St. Gaspar's Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, or at the church one hour prior to the funeral Mass. The Rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to St. Gaspar's Church, 10871 N. S.R. 9-57, Rome City, IN 46784.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Donald Spaulding

SHIPSHEWANA — Donald P. Spaulding, 72, of Shipshewana died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago.

He moved to LaGrange County from Frankton, Ind., in 1973, and worked for General Motors in Anderson from 1952 until his retirement in 1972.

Mr. Spaulding was a U.S. Marine Corps Korean War veteran.

He was born Oct. 21, 1934, in Anderson, to George L. and Opal L. (Carroll) Spaulding. They preceded him in death.

On April 17, 1952, he married Patricia Ann Ogburn in Anderson. She survives in Shipshewana.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Billy Margraves of Warsaw; three sons and daughters-in-law, Donnie and Brenda Spaulding of Shipshewana, George and Melody Spaulding of Warsaw, and Timothy and Lisa Spaulding of Anderson; two brothers, Jerry and David Spaulding, both of Anderson; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, a stepmother, Adella Spaulding, and three brothers, Gene, Russell and Robert Spaulding, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Jeff Farnham officiating. Burial will be in Scott Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be Monday from noon until services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Animal Shelter.

Condolences are to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Harlan Holt

KENDALLVILLE — Harlan Holt, 89, a resident of Kendallville Manor nursing home the past two years, died at 8:50 p.m. Thursday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Holt had moved to Noble County in 1995 from North Salem.

He had been a production worker at General Motors in Indianapolis.

Mr. Holt was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was affiliated with the First Baptist Church of Lizton.

He was born May 20, 1918, in Pulaskie County, Ky., to James H. and Bertha (Manning) Holt. In September 1948 he married Doris Hytin. She died June 20, 1995.

Surviving are a son, Frank Holt of Rome City; a stepson, Tom Kephart of Virginia Beach, Va.; a stepdaughter, Nancy Cook of Indianapolis; a sister, Goldie Duncan of Summerset, Ky.; a brother, Henry Holt of Brownsburg; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter and a sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Porter Funeral Home in North Salem. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery at North Salem.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Robert Slone

ALBION — Robert James Slone, 46, of Wichita Falls, Texas, died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, in a construction accident in Wichita Falls.

He was a roofer working for Armored Roofing.

The U.S. Navy veteran, who served as GSM-1 (E7), was a member of the Eagles Lodge. He enjoyed watching football, fishing and talking about his daughter. He was a loving and caring father and brother who will be missed by all who knew him.

He was born Jan. 5, 1961, to Marvin James and Alice Belle (Lietch) Slone in Kendallville.

Surviving are a daughter, Alejandria Slone of Dededo, Guam; three stepsons, Frankie Santos of Lansing, Mich., and Percy and Eric Santos of Guam; two brothers, Marvin Slone of Mabank, Texas, and Kevin Slone of Willard, Utah; five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Shauna and Todd Stringfellow of Jefferson, Tenn., Rhonda Mauer of Nashville, Tenn., Millissa Benson of Auburn; Julia and Jerry Stairhinre of Hicksville, Ohio, and Crystal Hill of Stryker, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Terry and Lonnie Herendeen, a sister, Pamela Herendeen, and his parents preceded him in death.

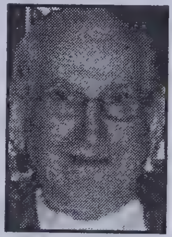
Graveside services will at 11 a.m. Monday at Sweet Cemetery, Albion, with the Rev Dr. Dan Barker officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Memorials in lieu of flowers are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Henry Gall

ANGOLA — Henry D. Gall, 72, of Angola died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007, at Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.



Mr. Gall

Mr. Gall loved his family and enjoyed woodworking and motorcycles.

On May 3, 1935, in Hamilton, he was born to Cecil and Creo (Shook) Gall. He married Susan A. Smith on Sept. 29, 1956, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Linda Gall of Fremont; a daughter and son-in-law, Roxanne and LeRoy Jones of Fremont; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Janet Gall of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn and Dick Bacon of Hamilton; a sister, Sheila Button of Hamilton; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, three sisters, Dixie Smith, Alverda Nichols and Dottie Haynes, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be Saturday, Oct. 6, at 1 p.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funera Home, Angola. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling will be Saturday, Oct. 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include information about a surviving relative.*

Jay Rowlison

KENDALLVILLE — Paul James "Jay" Rowlison, 79, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007, at 12:42 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Rowlison

He was a lifetime area resident.

Mr. Rowlison retired after 14 years with the city of Kendallville Street Department.

He had served in the U.S. Army from 1952-1954 during the Korean War.

Mr. Rowlison was a member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville and was a past member of its Executive Committee.

He was also a member of Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749, 40&8, and Trinity Church United Methodist, all of Kendallville.

Mr. Rowlison enjoyed playing shuffleboard and walking. He was often found talking with the construction workers and watching the building progress of Cornerstone Plaza.

He was born May 28, 1928, in Stroh to Paul E. and Dora May (Pierson) Rowlison. He married Donnabelle Refner on Nov. 26, 1954, in Auburn. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Bruce Hamilton of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Catherine Rowlison of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; four grandchildren, April Hoff, Lisa Hamilton, Staci Rowlison and Tyler Rowlison; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Cora and Willis Tuttle of Auburn, Catherine Kaufman of Angola and Joan and Richard Huling of Mishawaka.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Donald Rowlison; and five sisters, Geraldine Leonhardt, Pauline Rowlison, Donna Jean Rowlison, Nancy Kay Rowlison and Betty Arnold.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., with the Rev. G. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Graveside military services will be provided by the members of American Legion Post 86 and Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749. Pallbearers will be Don Moore, Norbert Franks, Kevin Franks, Bob Dunafin, Brian Bailey, Gary Smith, Don Leighty and Don Moore Jr., all members of American Legion Post 86.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist, Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice, or to Riley Children's Hospital.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Investment in man returned triplefold

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Bernard "Pete" Brennan and his wife, Lucy, relax at home after returning from one of their passions – international travel. Mr. Brennan died Sept. 17. He was known by family and friends alike as a generous benefactor in Garrett.

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Bernard Brennan spent his life giving to the community he loved

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GARRETT — Bernard "Pete" Brennan started early in life as an accomplished leader and community caretaker.

In his senior yearbook — the 1929 Garrett Aeolian — Mr. Brennan is listed as a two-year class president, Demosthian vice president and participant in baseball, track, basketball, tennis, football and Glee Club.

Mr. Brennan died Sept. 17 at the age of 96.

He received the Rector Scholarship and attended DePauw University in Greencastle, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics, graduating in 1933.

"It was in the midst of the Great Depression, and no one had any money," his wife, Lucy Wise Cozier, remembers. "Pete worked two jobs to stay in college and joined the Phi Delta Theta fraternity when he was a sophomore."

Following graduation from DePauw, Mr. Brennan worked as an advertising manager for The Garrett Clipper. He began his insurance career in 1937 as an associate of L. Dale Green, then owner of Insurance Trustees, and received his Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter designation in 1958. He owned and operated Insurance Trustees Inc. from 1951 to 2002.

Karen Gentis Failor of Fort Wayne remembers when Mr. Brennan gave her a job at the agency after she graduated from high school.

"He rescued me from a waitress job I hated," said Failor, who is now a self-employed Web designer.

"He taught me a lot — office skills, multi-tasking, and more — that I continued to use today."

Mr. Brennan took a break from his business and joined the Army in 1942 during World War II.

"Pete entered the Army as a private and quickly decided that was not the way to go," Lucy said. "He applied for Officer Candidate School and became a second lieutenant in the medical service.

He was with the 70th Infantry Division and left Boston for Marseille, France, in December 1944. He came out as a captain."

Mr. Brennan took part in two campaigns, spending two years in Germany and France.

He was awarded the Combat Medal badge, Bronze Star medal, American Theater ribbon, European Theater ribbon and the Victory ribbon as well as achieving the rank of captain.

He was 50 when he met Lucy after the death of her first husband and they rekindled their old friendship — both were born in Garrett and had dated after she graduated from Garrett High School. When she married Pete in April 1962, Lucy brought an 8-year-old daughter, Jeanne, to the marriage.

When he wasn't busy working at his agency — even after suffering a stroke five years ago, he returned to work at the office part-time — Mr. Brennan found plenty to do. He was a member of the Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Elks, Eagles, Knights of Columbus, Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club and was past president of the DeKalb County Welfare Board. He also served on the Morrill Foundation board and as Third Regional District Director of the Independent Insurance Agents of Indiana. He held the post of commander for the Garrett VFW.

One of his favorite pastimes was investing in the stock market.

"He was an intelligent man, and this worked well for him," Lucy said.

Though they were both children of the Great Depression and did not live extravagantly, Mr. Brennan enjoyed giving money to his favorite causes, his wife said.

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He offered a $500,000 donation to the Garrett Community YMCA fund when the capital campaign was sagging.

"Without his donation, we could not finish the project," said Sue Blotkamp, longtime director of the Garrett Community Center. "We were stuck — his donation opened the capital campaign wide open to grants such as the one received from the Dekko Foundation."

A plaque bearing Mr. Brennan's portrait hangs inside the door of the YMCA, and the gymnasium bears his name.

Mr. Brennan also liked to contribute to his lifelong church, St. Joseph Catholic Church, as well as to his alma mater, St. Joseph School, both in Garrett. After he suffered a severely disabling stroke, third-graders at St. Joseph School sent letters and cards to cheer him up.

His passions were bowling, golf and traveling with Lucy.

"I swear sometimes he would rather play golf than eat," Lucy remembers. "One year he made a hole-in-one, and that made him very happy."

He was also an excellent bowler. A trophy clock he won for scoring 298 — only two points from a perfect 300 — is on display in the family's living room.

Pete and Lucy especially loved traveling to Mexico, although they also visited London, Italy, Spain, Russia and Switzerland. The couple returned to Mexico more than 20 times.

"Even after he had the stroke and was in Provena Sacred Heart nursing home, he would say, 'Let's go to Mexico,'" Lucy said, smiling through tears.

Mr. Brennan was born in Garrett on July 27, 1911, to Peter and Agnes (Lauby) Brennan. He was one of six children and was especially close to all of his nieces and nephews.

"He made it a point to go to all of their weddings and graduations," Lucy said.

The high school yearbook inscription under his senior picture reads: "Bernard has accomplished much for his class and Garrett High School."

Bernard "Pete" Brennan continued that entrepreneurial and philanthropic way of life until the very end, giving his all to family and friends and those in need, but especially to his beloved community.

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John Miller

WATERLOO — John Francis Miller, 64, of Waterloo died Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, in a farming accident near his home.

Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller was a lifelong farmer and served in the Indiana National Guard.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo, the Edgerton Council of the Knights of Columbus and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club. He was a proud father and grandfather.

He was born Feb. 2, 1943, in Garrett to Paul and Bernadine (Herber) Miller, who both preceded him in death.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Andy and Tracy Miller of Carmel; two daughters and sons-in-law, Anna and Thad Nixon of Auburn, and Monica and C.J. Theriac of Indianapolis; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Herman Miller of Auburn, Norbert and Doris Miller of Waterloo, Ed Miller of Waterloo, and Bill and Lilly Miller of Jacksonville, Fla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Ken Dunn of Bufford, Ga.; and five grandchildren, Elizabeth Miller, Drew Miller, Grace Miller, Alexis Nixon and Caleb Nixon.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo, with the Rev. David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in Waterloo.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Nancy Lambright

MIDDLEBURY — Nancy Alta Lambright, 85, of Middlebury died Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, at The Maples at Waterford Crossing in Goshen after a brief illness.

Mrs. Lambright was a homemaker, worked as a manager for two different restaurants and worked for six years at Wieland Designs in Goshen.

She was a member of Clinton Brick Mennonite Church, and she volunteered for 33 years with Goshen General Hospital.

She was born March 8, 1922, in Elkhart County to Jacob and Ada (Miller) Miller, who both preceded her in death. She married Melvin Lambright on July 18, 1947, in Elkhart County. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Zoann and Abe Beachy of Millersburg and Judy and Norman Beachy of Middlebury; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Ronda Lambright of New Paris; 10 grandchildren; two stepgrandsons; 11 great-grandchildren; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Lester and Mary Miller of Howe, and Christ and Vera Miller of Goshen.

She also was preceded in death by two sons, Merlin and Gary Lambright; a daughter, Theda Miller; four sisters, Alice Hochstetler, Barbara Hochstetler, Mattie Miller and Saloma Miller; and three brothers, Oba, Clarence and Olen Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the First Mennonite Church in Middlebury, with the Revs. Dan Miller, Stan Godfrey and Lin Otto officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday and 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to Clinton Brick Mennonite Church.

George Stultz

ANGOLA — George F. Stultz, 82, formerly of Angola, died Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stultz was a former Angola businessman.

He was a 1943 graduate of Pennville High School.

He was born April 9, 1925, in Jay County to Lloyd and Nina (Stephen) Stultz, who both preceded him in death. He married Jane Smith Feb. 11, 1945, in Pennville. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Pat Stultz of Gross Ile, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Dave Calvin of Angola; a sister, Pauline Irey of Lancaster, Ohio; a niece, Carol Hedges of Portland; and four grandchildren, Brad Stultz of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Wes Stultz of Riverview, Mich., Lori Hickey of Angola, and Marla Calvin of Palm Bay, Fla.; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

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